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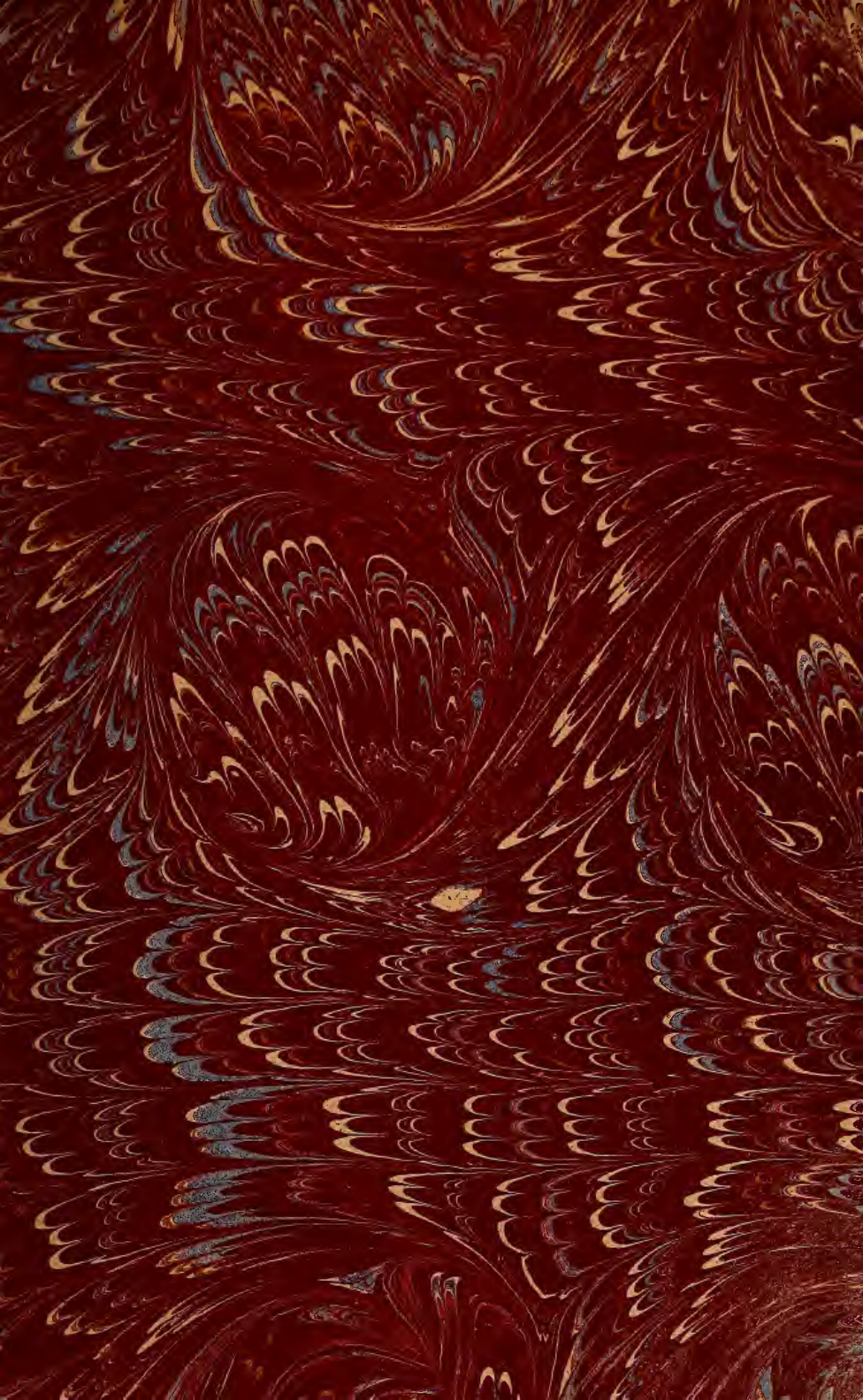

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OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 11, 1886.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, January 11, 1886, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Fallon, who stated that Mr. Williamson and himself were elected members of the School Committee of 1865, and Mr. Williamson, being the elder, would take the chair. Mr. Fallon conducted Mr. Williamson to the chair.

Mr. Williamson in the chair.

At the request of the Chair prayer was offered by Rev. Raphael Lasker. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: —

Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Davis, Eliot, Elliott, Fallon, Flint, Gallagher, McCormick, Murphy, Porter, Plummer, Roeth, and Walker. Members with unexpired terms.

The Chair read the following: — Communication from City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Dec. 28, 1885.

PHINEAS BATES, ESQ., *Secretary of the School Committee*: —

SIR, — I hereby certify that it appears, from the returns of votes cast at the election held on the 15th inst., that William C. Williamson William A. Dunn, Timothy J. Dacey, Henry Canning, Boardman Hall, Edwin H. Darling, Raphael Lasker, and George B. Hyde have been duly chosen as members of the School Committee for the term of three years from the second Monday in January next.

Attest:

AUG. N. SAMPSON,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fallon, Porter, and Gallagher as a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly-elected members: William C. Williamson, William A. Dunn, Timothy J. Dacey, Henry Canning, Boardman Hall, Edwin H. Darling, Raphael Lasker, and George B. Hyde.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year be adopted for the present year, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend Section 5 by inserting before the word "committee," in the last line, the word "standing."

Lost.

The order, as offered by Mr. Flint, passed.

Informal ballot for President.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Davis, Gallagher, and McCormick as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23. Charles L. Flint had 1 vote, William C. Williamson had 11 votes, and James S. Murphy had 11 votes.

The Board proceeded to a formal ballot for President.

The Chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The results of the several ballots were as follows: —

	Whole number of votes.	Necessary for a choice.	Charles L. Flint.	William C. Williamson.	James S. Murphy.	Timothy J. Dacey.	John C. Crowley.
1st Ballot	23	12	1	11	11	. . .	. . .
2d "	23	12	2	11	10	. . .	. . .
3d "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
4th "	24	13	1	11	11	1	. . .
5th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
6th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
7th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
8th "	24	13	1	11	10	2	. . .
9th "	24	13	1	11	11	1	. . .
10th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
11th "	24	13	1	11	11	. . .	1
12th "	24	13	1	10	11	. . .	2
13th "	24	13	1	10	11	. . .	2
14th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
15th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
16th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
17th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
18th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
19th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
20th "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
21st "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
22d "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
23d "	24	13	1	11	12	. . .	. . .
24th "	24	13	1	9	7	7	. . .
25th "	24	13	1	8	4	11	. . .
26th "	24	13	2	6	2	14	. . .

[Five other ballots were declared null and void on account of irregularities.]

At the conclusion of the twenty-second ballot Mr. Fallon moved that the election of President be laid on the table.

Lost.

At the conclusion of the twenty-third ballot, on motion of Mr. Gallagher, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

At the conclusion of the time allowed for the recess the Board was called to order, and proceeded to ballot for President.

Timothy J. Dacey elected President.

On the twenty-sixth ballot Mr. Timothy J. Dacey, having received the required number of votes, was declared elected as the President of the Board.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Flint were appointed a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

Election of Secretary.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Flint, Canning, and Chapin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Phineas Bates had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, Mr. Williamson administering the oath of office.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Porter, Fallon, and Dunn were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. William J. Porter had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Gallagher, Chapin, and Crowley were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. John T. Wogan had 6 votes; and Alvah H. Peters had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Williamson, Elliott, and Lasker were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 12. E. H. Darling, George B. Hyde, and Raphael Lasker had 1 vote each, John W. Porter had 2 votes; and Abram E. Cutter had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Legislative Matters, be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the public schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year. Legislative Committee appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Williamson, and Crowley as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875 so as to provide that the School Committee of Boston shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January of each year. Organization of School Committee; amendment of tatute.

Mr. Davis offered the following: —

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at five o'clock P.M., and that no meeting be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order was amended by substituting the word "Thursday" for the word "Wednesday."

The order, as amended, passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence without Leave of ab-

sence to Louise P. Arnold.

pay, until April 1, 1886, be granted to Louise P. Arnold, second assistant in the Hillside District.

Nominations of teachers; amendment to Rules proposed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to the nomination of teachers (see page 226, printed Minutes of 1885), was taken from the files of last year.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the order was especially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the regular meeting of the Board, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 14, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Elliott, Hall, McCormick, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; surrender of buildings to School Committee.

CITY OF BOSTON, OFFICE OF SUPT. OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Dec. 28, 1885.

To the Chairman of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I am instructed by the Committee on Public Buildings to surrender to your official keeping the following new school-buildings, they having been completed in accordance with their various plans and specifications: —

Grammar School-house, Hammond street.
Grammar School-house, Minot District.
Primary School-house, Parker street.
Primary School-house, Harrison avenue.
Primary School-house, Blossom street.

Attest:

H. B. FISHER,
Clerk.

Placed on file.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees appointed.

Accounts. — William C. Williamson, chairman; Messrs. Porter, Darling, McCormick, and Canning.

Annual Report. — Edwin H. Darling, chairman; Messrs. Lasker and Eliot.

Drawing and Music. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Cutter, Williamson, Walker, and Lasker.

Elections. — Edwin H. Darling, chairman; Messrs. Porter and Roeth.

Evening Schools. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Lasker, Williamson, Murphy, and Dacey.

Examinations. — John C. Crowley, chairman; Messrs. Hyde, Flint, Fallon, and Eliot.

Horace Mann School. — Russell D. Elliott, chairman; Messrs. Eliot and Hall.

Hygiene. — Russell D. Elliott, chairman; Messrs. Crowley and Blake.

Manual Training School. — James S. Murphy, chairman; Messrs. Blake and Walker.

Nominations. — Abram E. Cutter, chairman; Messrs. Dacey, Porter, Eliot, and Dunn.

Rules and Regulations. — Charles L. Flint, chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Fallon, Murphy, and Hall.

Salaries. — George H. Plummer, chairman; Messrs. Chapin, Hyde, Cutter, and Hall.

School-houses. — Nahum Chapin, chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Davis, Darling, and Lasker.

Sewing. — William J. McCormick, chairman; Messrs. Walker, Roeth, Hall, and Canning.

Supplies. — James C. Davis, chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Dacey, Elliott.

Text-books. — John G. Blake, chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Flint, Davis, and Fallon.

Truant-Officers. — Russell D. Elliott, chairman; Messrs. Hyde, McCormick, Roeth, and Dunn.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees appointed.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hyde, Murphy, Williamson, Walker, and Dacey.

High Schools. — Messrs. Flint, Blake, Gallagher, Crowley, and Eliot.

First Division. — Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Cutter, Hall, and Dunn.

Second Division.—Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, Murphy, McCormick, and Hall.

Third Division. — Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Dacey, Eliot, and Dunn.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Crowley, Williamson, Davis, Walker, and Roeth.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Lasker, Hyde, Blake, Fallon, and Davis.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Roeth, Porter, and Canning.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Murphy, Crowley, McCormick, Lasker, and Williamson.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Davis, Hyde, and Elliott.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Porter, Eliot, and Canning.

The appointments were confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees.

The Chair read the following : —

Communication from last School Board; reduction of truant-force.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BOSTON, June 30, 1885.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the whole subject of reducing the truant-force was referred to the next School Board.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Truant-Officers.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

New school-house for Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to consider and report, at the next meeting of the Board, whether the City Council should be requested to erect a school-building for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, on the land which has been granted for this purpose by the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

New school-house for Horace Mann School; transfer of appropriation.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to consider and report, at the next meeting of the Board, whether any sum of money can prudently be transferred from the amount appropriated for the use of the School Committee for the financial year 1885–86, so that it may be expended for the erection of a school-building for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, it was

Ordered, That four hundred additional copies of the Report of the Committee on Manual Training School (School Doc. 17, 1885) be printed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, leaves of absence were granted to the following-named teachers, for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Clara Robbins.

Adams District. — Clara Robbins, third assistant, one month; Clara Brown, substitute.

Mary E. Buffum.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Buffum, third assistant, one month; S. Frances Carbee, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 26, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Blake, Canning, Darling, Elliott, Hall, Lasker, McCormick, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bigelow District. — Lucy C. Bartlett, third assistant, Dec. 8, 1885. Resignations of teachers.

Winthrop District. — Carrie F. Welch, second assistant, Jan. 11, 1886; Margaret T. Wise, third assistant, Jan. 11, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah N. Macomber and Marian A. McIntyre, from Jan. 21, 1886. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Lincoln District. — S. Louella Sweeney, from Dec. 14, 1885.

Quincy District. — Sarah M. Taylor, from Jan. 4, 1886; Annie F. McMahon, from Jan. 13, 1886; Sarah A. Mulloney, from Jan. 18, 1886; Nellie L. Knight,

from Jan. 20, 1886; Sarah E. Roome, from Jan. 25, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Minna B. Noyes, assistant, from Jan. 15, 1886.

Charles Sumner District. — Caroline M. Bayley, third assistant, from Jan. 8, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Laura Jenkins, fourth assistant, from Dec. 9, 1885.

Lewis District. — Katie M. Groll, third assistant, from Jan. 13, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Richards, fourth assistant, from Jan. 5, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers elected on probation.

English High School. — George W. Evans, James E. Thomas, and William B. Snow, junior-masters, from Jan. 4, 1886.

Bennett District. — Lillian M. Towne, third assistant, from Jan. 18, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — Elizabeth R. Wallis, second assistant, Primary Department, from Jan. 4, 1886.

Gibson District. — Benjamin F. Brown, third assistant, third year, from Jan. 4, 1886.

Winthrop District. — Margaret T. Wise, second assistant, from Jan. 11, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Annie N. Crosby, third assistant; Alice L. Williams, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Emma C. Glawson, second assistant, Primary Department.

Phillips District. — Emeline C. Farley, third assistant; Elizabeth K. Bolton, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Mary A. Murphy, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Bennett District. — Kate L. Wilson, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Quincy District, the transfer to date from Jan. 18, 1886.

Quincy District. — Mary A. Murphy, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Winthrop District, the transfer to date from Jan. 18, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teacher of evening schools.

Lyman District. — John O. Godfrey, assistant, on probation, from Dec. 17, 1885.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Grading of sub-masters of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of grading sub-masters of Grammar Schools as first and second sub-masters, according to the Regulations formerly in force.

Resignations in committees.

The Chair stated that he had received letters from Mr. Bordman Hall resigning his position as a member of the Committee on the Second Division and of the Committee on the Horace Mann School; also a letter from Dr. Russell D. Elliott, resigning his position as a member of the Committee on the Horace Mann School.

The resignations were accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Darling to serve on the Committee on the Second Division, and appointed the Committee on Horace Mann School to be Messrs. Eliot, Walker, and Davis.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Minot School-house, increased sanitary accommodations, etc.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide increased and improved sanitary accommodations for boys in the new Minot School-house, and to otherwise fit the building for occupancy; also that he be requested to provide screens for the radiators in the Harris School-house.

Harris School-house, screens for radiators.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Fannie Potter.

Bennett District. — Fannie Potter, second assistant, until March 1, 1886; Alexander Pearson, substitute.

Martha D. Chapman.

Dearborn District. — Martha D. Chapman, second assistant, until April 1, 1886.

Olive M. E. Rowe.

Dillaway District. — Olive M. E. Rowe, second assistant, until April 1, 1886; Anna F. Bayley, substitute.

Elizabeth P. Boynton.

Harris District. — Elizabeth P. Boynton, second assistant, until April 1, 1886.

Sarah E. Fisher.

Lewis District. — Sarah E. Fisher, first assistant, until March 1, 1886; M. A. H. Fuller, substitute.

Phebe H. Simpson.

Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant, until April 1, 1886; Alice E. Robinson, substitute.

J. Lillian Colson.

Mount Vernon District. — J. Lillian Colson, fourth assistant, until Feb. 1, 1886; Hope M. Cobb, substitute.

Quincy District. — Annie M. Lund, first assistant, until April 1, 1886; Josephine Garland, substitute. Mary A. B. Gore, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Elizabeth G. Cahill, substitute.

Annie M. Lund.

Mary A. B. Gore.

Mr. Gallagher presented the following: —

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The undersigned respectfully petition your committee to grant them the use of the hall in city building, corner Dorchester and Fourth streets, South Boston, for social and business purposes, one evening of each week, under the same conditions and restrictions as observed by a similar organization now occupying said hall once a week.

Petition for use of hall in school-building, Dorchester street, corner Fourth street.

Respectfully,

ST. MATTHEW'S SOCIAL UNION,

Per H. A. THAYER,

Secretary.

SOUTH BOSTON, Jan. 8, 1886.

Referred to the Committee on Sixth Division.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase one hundred feet front, vacant land, on the northwesterly side of the lot of the Hyde School-house; the present lot being inadequate to provide sufficient yard-room for the school.

Enlargement of lot of Hyde School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported that, owing to the prevalence of scarlet-fever among the pupils, and in pursuance of the advice of the Instructor in Hygiene, they closed the Canterbury-street Primary School, Jan. 22, and propose to have it closed until Feb. 1.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; closing of Canterbury-street school on account of scarlet-fever.

Accepted, and the action of the committee ratified.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Hygiene, offered the following: —

Recesses in schools.

Ordered, That the time allowed for the recesses in the public schools, under Section 177 of the Regulations, shall include the time employed by the pupils in passing out from and re-entering the school-buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Suspension of morning session of schools on account of inclement weather.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report upon the expediency of so amending the Regulations as to provide that the Superintendent of Schools shall be empowered to decide when there shall be no morning session of the public schools on account of inclement weather.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Tardiness of pupils.

Ordered, That Section 199 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "consent of the teacher," in the fifth line, the following words, "Pupils shall not be considered tardy if they are within the school-building at the hour of the beginning of the session."

Referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Removal of truant-school from Deer Island.

Ordered, That the President of the Board of School Committee of Boston be instructed to petition the Legislature for the passage of an Act enabling and requiring the city of Boston to provide a special school for truants and absentees from school, under the charge of the Directors of Public Institutions, in a suitable location away from Deer Island, and on the mainland; and for such other legislation as may be found necessary.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the certificate of qualification granted by the Board of Supervisors to Nellie M. Howes, teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, be dated Feb. 16, 1885, instead of May 8, 1885, she having begun her services on the former date.

Date of certificate of qualification of Nellie M. Howes.

The special assignment being the order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to the nomination of teachers (see page 226, Minutes, 1885) was taken up.

Special assignment; nominations of teachers; amendment to Rules and Regulations proposed. [See page 8.]

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized, in preparing the estimates for the year 1886–87, to add the sum of forty five hundred dollars ($4,500) to the estimated amount required for salaries of janitors, according to the rates of payment now in operation; this additional amount to be used at the discretion of the Committee on Accounts in increasing the salaries of the janitors.

Estimates to include additional amount for salaries.

Recommitted to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, who were instructed — Jan. 14 — to consider and report at the next meeting of the Board whether the City Council should be requested to erect a school-building for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, on the land which has been granted for this purpose by the Commonwealth, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; new school-house for Horace Mann School. [See page 12.]

Whereas, the Commonwealth has granted to the city of Boston, by Chapter 201 of the Acts of 1885, approved April 29, 1885, the perpetual right to occupy, free of rent, a lot of land on Newbury street owned by the Com-

monwealth, containing 8,400 square feet, upon condition that the city shall, within three years from the date of the passage of the Act, erect thereon a school-building suitable for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, and shall thereafter maintain said school as it is at present maintained by the city;

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to erect upon the said lot of land a school-building suitable for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; new school-house for Horace Mann School; transfer of appropriation. [See page 12.]

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 14 — an order to the effect that the committee be instructed to consider and report whether any sum of money can prudently be transferred from the amount appropriated for the use of the School Committee for the financial year 1885–86 so that it may be expended for the erection of a school buildiug for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported as follows: —

After ten months' payments of the present financial year, the amount to the credit of the School Committee, to meet the expenditures of the remaining two months, will be $306,493.92. It is estimated that the expenditures for the months of February and March will not exceed $255,000; and if this estimate prove correct, the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year will be not less than $51,493. Your committee, therefore, would respectfully report that, in their opinion, the sum of $40,000 can with safety be transferred from the appropriations granted the School Committee for the purpose desired, and leave an ample sum with which to meet any contingencies that may arise in the expenses of the School Department.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) from the appropriations granted to the School Committee for the financial year 1885–6, and to appropriate the same for the purpose of erecting upon the lot of land on Newbury street, the use of which has been granted to the city by the Commonwealth, a school-building for the Horace Mann School for the Deaf; it being estimated that the residue of said appropriations will be sufficient to provide for all other expenditures of the School Committee for the present financial year.

New school-house for Horace Mann School; transfer of appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars and thirty-eight and $\frac{9}{100}$ dollars ($138.09) be paid to Nellie M. Howes for services as teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, from Feb. 16, 1885, to July 1, 1885.

Compensation to teacher of school on Spectacle Island.

Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Jan. 26, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being ten months payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1885–86.	February Draft.	Expenditures, 10 months, 1885–86.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,204,146	$102,758 40	$984,885 84	$219,260 16
Salaries, Officers . .	60,180	4,928 33	49,083 33	11,096 67
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	87,500	7,534 83	71,415 98	16,084 02
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .	68,000	3,577 72	49,147 95	18,852 05
School Ex. Supplies, Manual Training, and other expenses.	117,300	2,739 49	76,098 98	41,201 02
Totals	$1,537,126	$121,538 77	$1,230,632 08	$306,493 92

The gross expenses, as compared with ten months of last year, show an increase in the Salaries of Instructors of $15,645.99; an increase in the Salaries of Janitors of $886.74; a decrease in the Salaries of Officers of $940; a decrease in the cost of Supplies, $37,306.25; making a decrease in the total expenditure, as compared with the same time last year of $21,713.52.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Esther M. Meserve.

Ordered, That Esther M. Meserve, third assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 23, 1885.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 9, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Darling, Elliott, McCormick, Plummer, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the records of the last meeting were amended by substituting the date "Jan. 8, 1886," for the date "Dec. 8, 1885," as the date of the resignation of Lucy C. Bartlett. (Page 13.)

Amendment of records. [See page 13.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them in print, as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Feb. 8, 1886.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor relative to the removal of snow from school-yards.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I enclose herewith, for the consideration of the School Board, a communication from the Masters' Association of the Boston Public Schools, concerning the removal of snow from school-yards; also copy of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel upon the subject.

Yours truly,
HUGH O'BRIEN,
Mayor.

The following papers accompanied the Mayor's communication: —

Petition of Masters' Association concerning the removal of snow from school-yards.

HON. HUGH O'BRIEN, *Mayor of Boston:* —

DEAR SIR, — The undersigned, a committee appointed for that purpose by the Masters' Association of the Boston Public Schools, in behalf of themselves and their associates, and the children under

their charge, respectfully ask your consideration of the following facts: —

A number of years ago, it was the custom, after every considerable snow-storm, for the city laborers, with teams and large hand-barrows, to visit the play-yards of each city school-house, and to remove therefrom the snow which the janitors, in anticipation of their visits, had previously piled into heaps.

The yards being thus cleared, the out-door recesses were continued almost without interruption, giving the children their usual healthful exercise in the open air; opportunity was given for thoroughly ventilating the school-rooms in the middle of the session, the teachers were afforded a brief respite from their labors, and the health, comfort, and convenience of all were thus promoted.

Of late years this custom has been abandoned. The janitors, as required by the school regulations, clear paths to the out-buildings and entrance-gates, while the remainder of the yard continues covered with snow and ice until thawed by a succession of warm days.

As many of the yards, especially at the primary school-houses, are surrounded by high buildings, which shut out almost all of the low winter's sun, it is often weeks after the sidewalks and streets are wholly free from snow before it entirely disappears from the yards. Indeed, some yards are encumbered with snow during the entire winter, that which fell in December being the last to leave in the following spring.

Yards covered with snow, especially deep snow, are utterly unsuitable for children to play in. Wet feet and wet clothing, prolific causes of sickness, are inevitable results of attempts to use them. The cleared paths before mentioned afford even standing room to but a fraction of the pupils, and any exercise is out of the question. Even these paths, if a rain or a thaw occurs, become partially filled with water, through which the children must wade, and the rest of the yard becomes a field of "slosh," in which the children's feet become in a few moments thoroughly soaked. And if the rain or thaw be followed by suddenly cold weather, the rough, slippery surface that follows results in numerous falls and bruises, and even broken limbs. These evils, great enough everywhere, are especially so in the primary and girls' schools.

As a partial relief, in some schools the out-door recess is, for the time, abandoned; sometimes for weeks, only those go out who are obliged to visit the out-buildings; the opportunity for the mid-session ventilation of the school-rooms is lost, and teachers and pupils, wearied with the long, uninterrupted session, fail to accomplish their

usual work, or accomplish it with a greater strain upon nerve and health.

In view of all these evils the attempt has been made from time to time by individual teachers to have the old order of things restored, but thus far without avail.

The difficulty seems to be that no department of the City Government seems to feel authorized or under obligation to take action in the matter. The health of the pupils is at stake, but the Health Department does nothing; they will carry away our ashes, but not our snow; the School Committee seem to feel that they have exhausted their powers when they have hired the janitors to clear the paths; the Department of Public Buildings seem to think that their care of the premises stops short of this; and the Street Department, with its force of teams and laborers, do not see it as their duty to attend to the matter.

Having thus waited in hope for years, and hoped and looked in vain, yet believing that surely there is power and authority somewhere in the City Government thus to care for the children, the tenderest interests of its citizens, believing also that, under the new charter your enlarged powers give you a jurisdiction in the matter, and authority (which we have not) to require the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whose *duty* it is to remove the snow, and authority afterward to compel it to be done, our Association has voted to appeal to you, and to ask your influence to have the former custom of removing the snow from the play-yards of the public schools resumed.

As a parent and a citizen, we think that you cannot fail to see the importance, to the health and comfort of the children, of this matter, which affects not alone the rich or the poor, the residents of one part of the city or another, but our children and their parents, whatever their station or wherever they may reside.

Relying upon the justice of our cause, and your well-known care for all the interests of our city, we confidently appeal to you, and rest our case in your hands.

ALFRED BUNKER,
J. F. BLACKINGTON,
W. L. P. BOARDMAN,
FRED O. ELLIS.

BOSTON, Feb. 6, 1886.

[COPY.]

Opinion of Corporation Counsel.

CITY OF BOSTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
February 8, 1886.

HON. HUGH O'BRIEN, *Mayor:* —

DEAR SIR, — Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., and to the communication from the Masters' Association of the Boston Public Schools, I have to say that the Statutes place the care of the school-houses and of the yards appurtenant thereto in the School Committee, and not in the Mayor. It is the duty of the committee to provide all things necessary for the comfort of the scholars, and to look out for the sanitary condition of the houses and yards.

Very respectfully,

E. P. NETTLETON,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Lawrence District. — Elizabeth A. Mahoney, fourth assistant, Oct. 31, 1885; Elizabeth Crawford, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Norcross District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, from Jan. 22, 1886.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, from Dec. 16, 1885.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Nellie Perry, fourth assistant, from Jan. 12, 1886.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, — fourth assistant, from Jan. 22, to Feb. 1, 1886; third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1885.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Jan. 26, 1886.

Tileston District. — Katie E. Shea, fourth assistant, from Feb. 10, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Sherwin District. — Esther Fletcher, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Comins District. — Alice A. Sanborn, third assistant.

Dudley District. — Kate F. Lyons, fourth assistant.

Franklin District. — Annie G. Merrill, third assistant.

Gaston District. — Annie Britt, fourth assistant.

Hyde District. — Mary G. Murphy, fourth assistant.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Very, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Marcia B. Day, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Sherwin District. — Mary E. T. Healy, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant, on probation, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1886. Fannie L. Stockman, third assistant, to the same position in the Hyde District, to date from Feb. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of a teacher of evening schools.

Quincy School. — Mary P. Howland, assistant, from Jan. 21, 1886.

Accepted.

Leave of absence of teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board : —

Estelle B. Jenkins.

Andrew District. — Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Grace Tucker, substitute.

Winella W. Stratton.

Brimmer District. — Winella W. Stratton, second assistant, Primary Department, until April 1, 1886; Edith L. Stratton, substitute.

Louise D. Gage.

Dearborn District. — Louise D. Gage, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Alice M. Sibley, substitute.

Ann E. Weston.

Harvard District. — Ann E. Weston, second assistant, until March 15, 1886; George T. Wiggin, substitute. Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Elizabeth C. Bredeen, substitute.

Elizabeth B. Wetherbee.

E. Augusta Randall.

Hillside District. — E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Clara I. Stevens, substitute.

E. Elizabeth Boies.

Hyde District. — E. Elizabeth Boies, second assistant, until April 1, 1886; Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

Eunice J. Simpson.

Phillips District. — Eunice J. Simpson, third assistant, until April 1, 1886; Agnes C. Moore, substitute. Lillian W. Prescott, substitute for Elizabeth S. Parker, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence, until April 1, 1886.

Lucius A. Wheelock.

Rice District. — Lucius A. Wheelock, master, until April 1, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Adella L. Baldwin, third assistant, until April 1, 1886; Mary H. Gibbons, substitute. Adella L. Baldwin.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: — Ventilating boards for windows of Dearborn School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide ventilating boards for the windows of the Dearborn School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Maria F. Bray, third assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 21, 1885. Salary of Maria F. Bray.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the old Minot School-house and fit it up for use as a primary school-house. Remodelling the old Minot School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations for the Lincoln and Bigelow Districts. Additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Bigelow Districts.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the order was amended by inserting the word "Shurtleff" after the word "Lincoln."

The order as amended passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to Water-closets of

Hancock School-house.

transfer the water-closets from the yard of the Hancock School-house to the basement of the building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eliot, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Steam-heating apparatus for the Hancock School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish steam-heating apparatus for the Hancock School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Extension of term of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening Schools be extended one week beyond the time provided for in the Regulations, and that they be closed this year on the second Friday in March.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition for use of basement of Lincoln School-house for an evening drawing class.

Mr. Gallagher presented a petition, signed by A. G. McVey and twenty others, residents of South Boston, praying that the basement of the Lincoln School-house be fitted up for their use as a class in ship and yacht draughting, and that they be permitted to use the same for not more than three evenings a week for such purpose. Also that a sufficient number of unused drawing tables, now stored by the School Board, be transferred to said basement for the use of your petitioners; said class to be conducted without expense to the city for instruction.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with full powers.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Additional Grammar School accommodations in the Charles Sumner District.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to provide additional accommodations for Grammar-School pupils in the Charles Sumner District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Davis, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such changes and repairs in the school buildings in the Mount Vernon District as will better accommodate the pupils.

Alterations in school buildings in Mt. Vernon District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 199 of the Regulations, relating to tardiness of pupils, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; tardiness of pupils. [See page 18.

Ordered, That Section 199 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "consent of the teachers," in the fifth line, the following words: "Pupils shall not be considered tardy if they are within the school building at the hour of the beginning of the session."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order proposing that Section 177 of the Regulations be amended so as to provide that the recesses in the public schools shall include the time employed by the pupils in passing out from and reëntering the schools, reported that upon inquiry it appears to be the custom at the close of the recess to require the pupils to form in lines in the school-yards and stand until their turn comes to file into school. The precision and military discipline required in the formation of these lines and the filing of the pupils varies in the several schools. It is the opinion of your committee that pupils becoming overheated by exercise during the recess, and then obliged to stand in the yard, are exposed to the danger of contracting coughs and colds, which may lead to

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; recesses in schools. [See page 18.]

serious illness. It is our duty to remove in every possible way all dangers to the health of the pupils. It does not seem necessary that a strict military discipline should be exercised in order to secure the orderly filing of pupils in and out of school. There should be as little delay as possible in reëntering the school-buildings after recess, and pupils should not be required to stand in the yards. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 117 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "in the Primary Schools," in the sixth line, the following words: "The time employed by the pupils in passing out from and reëntering the school buildings shall be included in the time assigned for recess; there shall be as little delay as possible in reëntering the school-buildings after recess.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Election of Superintendent of Schools; special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the election of a Superintendent of Schools was specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next meeting.

Report of Committee on Accounts; salaries of janitors. [See page 19.]

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was recommitted an order authorizing said committee to include in the estimates for the coming year the sum of forty-five hundred dollars ($4,500), to be used for the purpose of increasing the compensation now paid the janitors, reported that no further action on the order is necessary, as the estimates for 1886–87, presented by this committee, will, if approved by the School Board, carry out the provisions of the order.

Accepted.

Estimates for 1886–87.

Mr. Williamson, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1885–86, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: —

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES, 1886–87.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, February 9, 1886.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1886, and ending April 30, 1887, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

6	Head-Masters, at	$3,780	$22,680	
2	Masters	3,168	6,336	
19	"	2,880	54,720	
2	Junior-Masters	2,592	5,184	
2	" "	1,728	3,456	
2	" "	1,440	2,880	
2	" "	1.296	2,592	
3	" "	1,152	3,456	
1	Junior-Master	1,008	1,008	
				$102,312

Second Grade.

34	Masters, at	$2,880	$97,920	
6	"	2,820	16,920	
1	Master	2,760	2,760	
3	Masters	2,700	8,100	
3	"	2,640	7,920	
2	Sub-Masters	2,496	4,992	
1	Sub-Master	2,316	2,316	
13	Sub-Masters	2,280	29,640	
2	" "	2,220	4,440	
2	" "	2,160	4,320	
5	" "	2,100	10,500	
1	Sub-Master	2,040	2,040	
	Carried forward		$191,868	$102,312

	Brought forward		$191,868	$102,312
3	Sub-Masters	1,920	5,760	
2	" "	1,860	3,720	
1	Sub-Master	1,800	1,800	
3	Sub-Masters	1,740	5,220	
3	" "	1,680	5,040	
3	" "	1,620	4,860	
2	" "	1,560	3,120	
				221,388

Third Grade.

1	Assistant Principal, at	$1,800	$1,800	
4	First Assistants	1,620	6,480	
1	Second Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1	" "	1,188	1,188	
4	Assistants	1,380	5,520	
6	"	1,332	7,992	
1	Assistant	1,284	1,284	
2	Assistants	1,188	2,376	
10	"	1,140	11,400	
3	"	1,092	3,276	
3	"	1,044	3,132	
1	"	996	996	
4	"	948	3,792	
1	"	900	900	
4	"	852	3,408	
7	"	804	5,628	
				60,552

Fourth Grade.

1	First Assistant, at	$1,380	$1,380	
56	" Assistants	1,080	60,480	
5	" "	1,044	5,220	
2	" "	1,008	2.016	
3	" "	972	2,916	
5	" "	936	4,680	
77	Second Assistants	816	62,832	
7	" "	804	5,628	
10	" "	792	7,920	
13	" "	780	10,140	
11	" "	768	8,448	
	Carried forward		$171,660	$384,252

Brought forward			$171,660	$384,252
271	Third Assistants	744	201,624	
20	" "	696	13,920	
15	" "	648	9,720	
26	" "	600	15,600	
24	" "	552	13,248	
17	" "	504	8,568	
12	" "	456	5,472	
280	Fourth Assistants	744	208,320	
21	" "	696	14,616	
31	" "	648	20,088	
28	" "	600	16,800	
23	" "	552	12,696	
24	" "	504	12,096	
18	" "	456	8,208	
38	Temporary Teachers, 50 days		3,534	
20	Special Assistants, 80 days		1,600	
				737,770

Special Grade.

Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School	$828	
Sewing, 28 Instructors, 211 Divisions	15,348	
4 French Instructors, High Schools	4,410	
1 German Instructor " "	1,080	
		21,666
Deaf-Mutes: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Hygiene: —		
1 Instructor		3,000
Chemistry: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,380	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant	744	
		2,124
Carried forward		$1,173,312

Brought forward		$1,173,312
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$960	
Girls' Latin, 1 "	492	
		1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$1,500	
Armorer	660	
		2,160
Manual Training Schools: —		
Instructors		4,000
Evening High School: —		
Head-Master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
Teacher of Phonography, 22 weeks	550	
21 Assistants, 22 weeks	9,240	
Clerk	440	
		11,330
Evening Elementary Schools: —		
13 Principals, 22 weeks	$5,720	
76 Assistants, 22 weeks	12,540	
		18,260
Evening Drawing Schools: —		
2 Masters, 66 evenings	$1,320	
4 Head-Assistants, 66 evenings	1,584	
16 Assistants, 66 evenings	5,280	
5 Curators	660	
		8,844
Total for instructors		$1,219,358

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	2,880
Auditing Clerk	2,880
Assistants	2,420
Copyist	1,000
Assistant in offices School Department	600
Messengers	1,700
17 Truant-Officers	20,700
Total for Officers	$59,060

INCIDENTALS.

Text-Books, Reference Books, Exchange of Books,	$45,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	2,500
Annual Festival	2,000
Globes, Maps, and Charts	1,000
Musical Expenses: — Instruments, Repairs and Covers,	2,100
Printing and Stock used for same	6,000
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,100
School Census	1,100
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record Books	13,200
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,200
Advertising	350
Military Drill: — Arms, Repairs, etc.	400
Fuel, Gas, and Water	65,000
Salaries of Janitors	93,400
Janitors' and other supplies	3,350
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, repairing apparatus, etc.,	5,500
Cost of Supplies for Manual Training School	2,000
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, and sundry items	2,500
Total for Incidentals	$250,700

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,219,358
Salaries of Officers	59,060
Incidentals	250,700
	$1,529,118

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$13,000
Trust Funds and other sources	13,000
	$26,000

The amount estimated and granted for the year 1885–86 was $1,537,126. The amount required for the coming year, according to the estimates herewith presented, is $1,529,118, a reduction of $8,008.

The School Board has voted to include in these estimates the sum of $6,000 for instruction in manual training, it being proposed to open, in addition to the school now in operation, a carpenter-shop in Roxbury, and a school of cookery in South Boston, and to assume the charge of the school-kitchen in the Tennyson-street School.

The number of pupils in the public schools is increasing at the rate of about one thousand per annum, requiring each year a larger force of teachers and additional school buildings to be cared for, thereby increasing the expenditure for salaries of instructors and janitors.

The committee have under consideration a proposition to increase the salaries of janitors, on an average, about five per cent., and the sum of $4,500 has been included in the estimate for salaries of janitors for this purpose.

The estimated amount required to pay the salaries of instructors, officers, and janitors the coming year, as compared with the amount for 1885–86, shows an increase of $19,992; while the amount required for supplies and the expenses connected therewith shows a reduction of $28,000, making the net reduction in the estimates $8,008, as before stated.

The committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates have given the subject much care, and they are unanimously of the opinion that the amount asked for will be required to carry on the schools as they are at present constituted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,

JAMES C. DAVIS,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that, under the rules, the estimates required a two-thirds yea-and-nay vote for approval.

The estimates were approved by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Davis, Dunn, Eliot, Fallon, Flint, Gallagher, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, Porter, Walker, and Williamson. — 18. Yeas and nays.

Nays: none.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order concerning the extension of the lot of the Hyde School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on School-houses; enlargement of lot of Hyde School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase 25 or 30 feet front on Hammond street, for the enlargement of the lot of the Hyde School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the School Committee desire to place on record their deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the long and eminent service rendered in the cause of public education by John D. Philbrick, lately deceased. For twenty years he was Superintendent of our schools. During that period his efforts were constant and untiring to enlarge their usefulness and powers, to raise their standard, and to keep them fully up to the requirements of advanced intelligence, and he left them in a better condition than when he entered upon his office, by reason of his labor, watchfulness, and forethought. He was, in his profession, an idealist, an enthusiast. "He was a scholar, and a ripe and good one, exceeding wise, fair-spoken, and persuading;" but he was a conservative, not too easily convinced of the soundness of new fashions in education, gifted with executive and practical skill, and with a personal influence which made him known throughout the schools. In his forty-five printed reports he has placed upon the files of this committee a lasting memorial of his learning, his good sense, and his Resolutions on death of John D. Philbrick.

sanguine hopes. These, with their wise suggestions, drawn from his experience and observation of the progress of education at home and abroad, will afford light upon many questions, and bear fruitful testimony to his ability and character for many years to come.

Passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 23, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake, Fallon, Hall, McCormick, Roeth, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 117 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "in the Primary Schools" in the sixth line, the following words: "The time employed by the pupils in passing out from, and reëntering, the school-buildings shall be included in the time assigned for recess; there shall be as little delay as possible in reëntering the school-buildings after recess."

Recesses in schools; Regulations amended. [See pp. 18, 31.]

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 199 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "consent of the teachers," in the fifth line, the following words: "Pupils shall not be considered tardy if they are within the school-building at the hour of the beginning of the session."

Tardiness of pupils; Regulations amended. [See pp. 18, 31.]

Passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Hyde, the vote whereby the above order was declared passed was reconsidered.

The order passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Emerson District. — Caroline E. Nutter, third assistant, from March 8, 1886.

Lowell District. — Marguerite G. Brett, fourth assistant, from Feb. 9, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Harris District. — Annie B. Drowne, fourth assistant, from Feb. 23, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Nellie Perry, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dor.-Everett District. — Fannie M. Cartwright, fourth assistant.

Emerson District. — Helen M. Souther, third assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Franklin School. — Annabel Stetson and Mary E. Smith, assistants, on probation, from Feb. 2 and Feb. 10, 1886, respectively.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Adams District. — Clara Robbins, third assistant, until April 1, 1886; Clara A. Brown, substitute. Clara Robbins.

Ellen James, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Mary A. Kimball, substitute. Ellen James.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Buffum, third assistant, until April 1, 1886; S. Frances Carbee, substitute. Mary E. Buffum.

Lowell District. — Elsa L. Hobart, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Annie F. Sears, substitute. Elsa L. Hobart.

Lyman District. — Charlotte A. Pike, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1886; Mary A. D. Maclean, substitute. Charlotte A. Pike.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Annual Report, it was

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Committee on the Annual School Report for 1885 be printed. Edition of Annual Report.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order concerning the continuance of the Evening Schools beyond the time fixed for closing, by the Regulations, reported, that notwithstanding that the unexpended appropriation for these schools will probably be insufficient to carry out the provisions of the order, your committee would recommend the passage of the order as offered, on the ground that, owing to the extension of the vacation, the term of the schools is not lengthened: — Report of the Committee on Accounts; extension of term of Evening Schools. [See page 30.]

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening Schools be extended one week beyond the time provided for in the Regulations, and that they be closed this year on the second Friday in March.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the Rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salaries of teachers of Evening Schools in excess of appropriation authorized.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to approve the payment of the salaries of the teachers in the Evening High and Evening Drawing Schools in excess of the respective amounts appropriated for salaries for those schools, for the term of 1885–6.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Margaret Holmes.

Ordered, That Margaret Holmes, second assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, it was

Out-of-school lessons of High-School pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in consultation with the Committee on High Schools, be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of reporting a section, additional to Chapter XXVII., of the Regulations, limiting out-of-school lessons of High-School pupils.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, it was

Janitors to remain in school-buildings during school sessions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to consider and report if any further legislation be necessary relative to janitors being required to remain in the school-buildings during the school sessions.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Maria F. Bray. [See page 29.]

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order concerning the salary of Maria F. Bray, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Maria F. Bray, third assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 21, 1885; on account of her previous long and successful experience as a teacher.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Esther M. Meserve. [See page 22.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order concerning the salary of Esther M. Meserve, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Esther M. Meserve, third assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 23, 1885; on account of her previous long and successful service as a teacher.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee [School Doc. 1, 1886], containing a schedule of the salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommending the passage of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the Public Schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. [See School Doc. 1, 1886.]

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72, each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of five dollars per day of actual service.

Laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; petition for use of basement of Lincoln School-house for an evening drawing class. [See page 30.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred, — Feb. 9, — with full powers, the petition of A. G. McVey and others for the use of the basement of the Lincoln School-house for a class in yacht and ship draughting, reported that they have granted the prayer of the petitioners, and that the class opened on Thursday evening, February 19, 1886, and will continue Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Accepted.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

North-Harvard street School-house, repairs, etc.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to cause the North Harvard-street School-building, in the Allston District, to be repaired and fitted for the use of Grammar and Primary school pupils.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Davis, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional Grammar and Primary school accommodations in the Hillside District.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to provide additional accommodations for Grammar and Primary school pupils in the Hillside District.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

Special assignment: Election of Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the special assignment, being the election of a Superintendent of Schools, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent of Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Flint, Canning, and Chapin, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Edwin P. Seaver had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of Schools, for the term of two years, beginning March 1, 1886.

Edwin P. Seaver elected Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, it was

Salary of Superintendent of Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent of Schools be at the rate of $4,200 per annum, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Election of Supervisors; special assignment.

Ordered, That the election of Supervisors be specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to present, at the next regular meeting of the Board, the names of six or more candidates for Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 9, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. McCormick, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Andrew District. — Carrie E. Norris, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1886. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. Tenney, assistant, from March 8, 1886. Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, from Feb. 2, 1886.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice M. Barton, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1886.

Dearborn District. — Alice M. Sibley, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Laura Jenkins, fourth assistant, from March 9, 1886.

Hancock District. — Julia E. Collins, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Hillside District. — Mary Bradley, second assistant, from March 8, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from March 1, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Andrew District. — Agnes M. Cochran, third assistant, and May J. Cunningham, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Bigelow District. — Angeline S. Morse, third assistant, from Jan. 11, 1886.

Brimmer District. — Josephine Garland, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Hancock District. — Lucy A. G. McGilvray, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Albertine A. Martin, third assistant.

Bennett District. — Fannie Potter, second assistant, Helen I. Whittemore, third assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Angie P. Nutter, second assistant.

Comins District. — Anna R. McDonald, second assistant, primary department.

Hancock District. — Mary E. Skinner, second assistant.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant.

Prescott District. — Nellie J. Breed, fourth assistant.

Winthrop District. — Adelaide M. Odiorne, third assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following special assistants, Primary Schools, for reëlection, to date from April 1, 1886: —

Reëlection special assistants, Primary Schools.

Adams District. — E. Gertrude Cushing; *Agassiz District.* — Rosanna Follan; *Allston District.* — Annie F. Childs, Gertrude R. Clark; *Bowdoin District.* — Sarah N. Macomber, Marian A. McIntyre; *Chapman District.* — M. Alice Robinson; *Comins District.* — Margaret T. Dooley, Marcella M. Ryan; *Dor.-Everett District.* — Hattie C. Hathaway, Mary H. Reid; *Gibson District.* — Antoinette Clapp, Nettie M. Willey; *Hillside District.* — Mary E. McDonald; *Phillips District.* — Mary L. Lewis, M. Elizabeth McGinley; *Prince District.* — Josephine G. Dearborn; *Stoughton District.* — Mary P. Howland; *Wells District.* — Mary E. Smith, Kate A. Sullivan.

Accepted, and the special assistants named were declared reëlected.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations of teachers for reëlection for the school year, 1886–87: —

Reëlection special instructors in military drill and calisthenics.

Instructor in Military Drill. — Hobart Moore.

Instructors in Calisthenics. — *Girls' Latin School.* — Martha S. Hussey. *Girls' High School.* — Helen D. Baright.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted, in print, a report nominating for rëelection the subordinate instructors of the several Normal, High, Grammar, and Primary Schools. (Doc. 2, 1886.)

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of subordinate instructors.

Appended to the report were the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

2. *Ordered*, That Olive Ruggles, second assistant, primary department, in the Phillips District, be continued in her present rank.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was amended by inserting the name of Philippe de Sénancour under "Special Teachers, High Schools, French," p. 9.

The report, as amended, was accepted, and the orders passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The report as amended was adopted as a whole, the nominations confirmed, and the subordinate teachers contained in the report of the committee (Doc. 2, 1886) were declared reëlected for the year 1886–87.

Mr. Porter offered the following: —

Ordered, That Abbie E. Wilson, third assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 5, 1886, on account of previous long and successful service.

Salary of Abbie E. Wilson.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Physical apparatus-room in Dillaway School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up a room in the Dillaway school-house, similar to that in the Prince school-house, with cases for apparatus, etc., as a class-room for instruction in physics.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted a report, in print, nominating for reëlection the

Report of Committee on Nomi-

principals of the several Normal, Latin, High, and Grammar Schools. nations of principals for reëlection.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the Normal, Latin, High, and Grammar Schools.

The chair appointed Messrs Cutter, Flint, and Porter as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Ballot.

			Votes.
Normal School	Larkin Dunton, Head-Master,	had	21
Rice Training School	Lucius A. Wheelock, Master,	"	21
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill, Head-Master,	"	21
Girls' " " / Girls' High "	John Tetlow, Head-Master,	"	21
English High "	F. A. Waterhouse, Head-Master,	"	21
East Boston High "	Charles J. Lincoln, Master,	"	21
Roxbury " "	Charles M. Clay, Head-Master,	"	21
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith, Master,	"	20
Charlestown " "	John O. Norris, Head-Master,	"	21
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann, Master,	"	21
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle, Master,	"	21

First Division.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble, Master,	had	21
Chapman "	George R. Marble, Master,	"	20
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton, Master,	"	20
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln, Master,	"	21

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock, Master,	had	21
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock, Master,	"	20
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton, Master,	"	21
Prescott "	Edwin T. Horne, Master,	"	21
Warren "	E. Bradford Gay, Master,	"	21

Third Division.

Bowdoin School	Delwin A. Hamlin, Master,	had	21
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington, Master,	"	21
Hancock "	Lewis H. Dutton, Master,	"	21
Phillips "	Elias H. Marston, Master,	"	21
Wells "	Orlendo W. Dimick, Master,	"	21

Fourth Division.

Brimmer School	Quincy E. Dickerman, Master,	had	21
Prince "	E. Bentley Young, Master,	"	21
Quincy "	Alfred Bunker, Master,	"	18
Winthrop "	Robert Swan, Master,	"	20

Fifth Division.

Dwight School	James A. Page, Master,	had	21
Everett "	Alfred Hewins, Master,	"	21
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam, Master,	"	20
Hyde "	Silas C. Stone, Master,	"	21
Sherwin "	Frank A. Morse, Master,	"	21

Sixth Division.

Andrew School	Joshua M. Dill, Master,	had	21
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes, Master,	"	21
Gaston "	C. Goodwin Clark, Master,	"	21
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard, Master,	"	21
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham, Master,	"	21
Norcross "	Fred O. Ellis, Master,	"	21
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon, Master,	"	21

Seventh Division.

Comins School	Charles W. Hill, Master,	had	21
Dearborn "	Harlan P. Gage, Master,	"	21
Dillaway "	Sarah J. Baker, Master,	"	21
Dudley "	Leverett M. Chase, Master,	"	21
George Putnam School	Henry L. Clapp, Master,	"	21
Lewis School	William L. P. Boardman, Master,	"	21
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones, Master,	"	20

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Agassiz School	John T. Gibson, Master,	had 21
Allston "	G. W. M. Hall, Master,	" 21
Bennett "	Walter S. Parker, Master,	" 21
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall, Master,	" 20
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring, Master,	" 21
Mount Vernon School	Abner J. Nutter, Sub-Master,	" 20

NINTH DIVISION.

Dorchester-Everett School	Henry B. Miner, Master,	had 21
Gibson School	William E. Endicott, Master,	" 21
Harris "	N. Hosea Whittemore, Sub-Master,	" 21
Mather "	Edward Southworth, Master,	" 21
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr. Sub-Master,	" 20
Stoughton School	Edward M. Lancaster, Master,	" 21
Tileston "	Hiram M. George, First Assistant,	" 20

Principals reëlected.

The principals, as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the ensuing year.

Special assignment; election of supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the election of supervisors, was taken up.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for supervisors.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, who were requested — Feb. 23 — to present at the next regular meeting of the Board the names of six or more candidates for the office of supervisor, reported the following list of candidates. The order in which the names are placed is not intended to indicate the preference of the committee: —

Samuel W. Mason, Lucretia Crocker, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, Lyman R. Williston, John Kneeland, George A. Littlefield, George H. Conley, Narcisse Cyr, and M. L. Hawley.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for six supervisors.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Blake, and Hall as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

At the close of the third ballot, Mr. Hyde moved to indefinitely postpone the election of a sixth supervisor.

Lost.

At the close of the fifth ballot Mr. Williamson moved to lay the subject of the election of a sixth supervisor on the table.

Lost by a vote of 9 to 12.

The results of the several ballots were as follows: —

	First Ballot.	Second Ballot.	Third Ballot.	Fourth Ballot.	Fifth Ballot.	Sixth Ballot.
Whole number of votes . .	22	21	[1]21	22	22	21
Necessary for a choice . .	13	13	13	13	13	13
Samuel W. Mason	21	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Lucretia Crocker	15	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Ellis Peterson	16	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Robert C. Metcalf	20	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Lyman R. Williston	9	8	9	8	8	4
John Kneeland	12	12	7	10	12	16
George A. Littlefield	10	8	5	3	2	1
George H. Conley	12	13	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Narcisse Cyr	3	1	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
M. L. Hawley	2	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
James R. Williston	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .

[1] One ballot having ten names not counted.

Supervisors elected.

Samuel W. Mason, Lucretia Crocker, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, and John Kneeland, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared elected supervisors, for the term of two years from April 1, 1886.

Report of Committee on Examinations; courses of study for Grammar and Primary Schools.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, reported that in October last the Board authorized the printing of a new edition of the courses of study for the public schools. Before printing the courses of study it seemed wise to consider if any changes in the present courses were desirable, and your committee requested the Board of Supervisors to consider the expediency of simplifying the details in the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools; to consider the expediency of reducing the amount of time devoted to geography at least one-third; to consider the subject of the manner of teaching English History, particularly with regard to the periods embraced by the annual examinations; and to report the results of their consideration to this committee. A sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Board of Supervisors on the subject of the courses of study.

While the committee were thus engaged in this work, and had made considerable progress, the Board passed an order, — Nov. 24 — requesting this committee to consider and report whether or not the present courses of study for the different grades of schools could, with advantage, be simplified. The committee continued the work they had already begun, and submit herewith, in print, the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools, simplified and changed as in the judgment of this committee is desirable, and recommend that they be adopted.

The committee ask for further time in which to prepare and present their suggestions with reference to the courses of study for the other grades of schools.

Accepted, and the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools, as presented, were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Penelope G. Hayes.

Mabel C. Friend, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1886, on account of sickness, be granted to Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Mabel C. Friend be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Eudora F. Sumner.

Ordered, That Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from March 1, 1886.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Prosecutions under General Statutes, Chapter 47, Section 1.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant-Officers be empowered to give to any truant-officer the directions of the School Committee to prosecute, in the name of the City of Boston, persons who may appear to be liable to the penalties provided for in the Public Statutes, Chapter 47, Section 1.

Reports of Committee on School-houses; additional Grammar-school accommodations at Ashmont, Dorchester.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relating to additional Grammar-school accommodations in the vicinity of Ashmont Station, Dorchester, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the Bailey-street school-house, Ashmont Station, Dorchester, so as to provide two additional school-rooms for the accommodation of Grammar-school pupils.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Remodelling of the old Minot School-house. [See p. 29.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order relative to the remodelling of the old Minot school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the old Minot school-house, and fit it up for use as a Primary school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order concerning the repairing and fitting up of the North Harvard-street school-house for the use of Grammar and Primary School pupils, reported that the following order ought to pass :—

North Harvard-street school-house; repairs, etc. [See p. 46.]

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to cause the North Harvard-street school-house, in the Allston District, to be repaired and fitted for the use of Grammar and Primary School pupils.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order concerning additional school accommodations in the Hillside District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Hillside District. [See p. 46.]

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to provide additional school accommodations for Grammar and Primary School pupils in the Hillside District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the petition of the Harden Star Hand Grenade Company, for the introduction of their hand-grenades, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Petition Harden Star Hand Grenade Co.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place a sufficient number of the Harden Star Hand Grenades in the several school buildings, with a view to having at hand the means of preventing the spread of fire.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and thirty-four and $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars ($134.45) be paid to Nellie M.

Compensation to Nellie M. Howes, teacher

of school on Spectacle Island.

Howes for services as teacher of the school on Spectacle Island from Sept. 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 23, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Cutter, McCormick, Plummer, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair presented letters of acceptance of the office of supervisor, from Miss Crocker, and Messrs. Mason, Peterson, Metcalf, Kneeland, and Conley.

Letters of acceptance from supervisors.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of George H. Plummer as a member of the School Committee.

BOSTON, March 22, 1886.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President of the School Committee of Boston*: —

DEAR SIR, — Declining health leads me to resign my position on the School Board, which please accept from the present date. In taking leave of the members of the Board and those connected with it, after an association of more than fifteen years consecutively, I desire to thank them for many acts of courtesy and kindness in the past, and to assure them of my best wishes for their health and happiness in the future.

Respectfully,

GEO. H. PLUMMER.

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Resolutions on resignation of George H. Plummer.

Resolved, That the members of the School Committee learn with regret of the intended retirement from the Board of Mr. George H. Plummer, and especially that his withdrawal is made necessary by impaired health;

and that they accept his resignation, after his continuous service of more than fifteen years as a member of the Board, in the full belief that the city thereby will be deprived of one of its most faithful and conscientious officials.

Resolved, That the Board tenders him its best wishes for the complete restoration of his health, and for his future prosperity and happiness.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records.

Passed unanimously.

The Chair read the following : —

Resignation of William J. McCormick as a member of School Committee.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President* : —

DEAR SIR, — On account of a change in my business which prevents me from giving the time and attention I would wish, and the importance of the duties demands, I beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee, to take effect at once.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. McCORMICK.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr Crowley, it was

Convention to fill vacancies in School Committee proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that vacancies exist in the Board of School Committee, caused by the resignations of George H. Plummer and William J. McCormick, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7.30 o'clock P.M., on the 13th day of April, 1886, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancies for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of ab-

sence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Chapman District. — Almira I. Wilson, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Sara A. Emerson, substitute. Almira I. Wilson.

Dearborn District. — Grace M. Clark, substitute for Martha D. Chapman, second assistant, granted leave of absence to April 1, 1886. Grace M. Clark.

Mather District. — Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1886; Mary E. Bradley, substitute. Florence J. Bigelow.

Quincy District. — Annie M. Lund, first assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Nellie L. Knight, substitute. Mary A. B. Gore, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Elizabeth G. Cahill, substitute. Annie M. Lund. Mary A. B. Gore.

Rice District. — Lucius A. Wheelock, until Sept. 1, 1886. Lucius A. Wheelock.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the old Dorchester High-School building and fit it for Primary-School use; also to put a new furnace into the building, and provide suitable ventilation. Remodelling of old Dorchester High school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place twenty-five Primary School desks in the vacant room in the Atherton school-house. Primary School desks for Atherton school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Annual report of School Committee of 1885.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Annual Report, presented in print the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1885.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Darling, it was

Payment of salary of Sarah J. Copp.

Ordered, That the salary due Sarah J. Copp, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be paid to her mother, Caroline V. Copp.

Election of Instructors in Hygine.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, John B. Moran, Instructor in Hygiene.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for an Instructor in Hygiene.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott, Blake, and Williamson a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer.

Ballot for Instructor in Hygiene.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There were three blanks.

John B. Moran elected.

John B. Moran had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected as Instructor in Hygiene for the ensuing school year.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Exhibitions of work of pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That exhibitions of the work of the pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools be held this year in the several school buildings where these schools are located.

Election of Special Instructors in Music.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named Special Instructors in Music: —

High Schools. — Julius Eichberg.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, J. M. Mason, Henry G. Carey.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the report was amended by striking out the words "for the ensuing school-year" and inserting in place thereof the words "until Sept. 1, 1886."

The report as amended was accepted, and the teachers named were declared reëlected as special instructors in music until Sept. 1, 1886.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Investigation as to methods and efficiency of instruction in Music.

Ordered, That the Superintendent and Board of Supervisors be requested to institute an investigation into the methods and the efficiency of the instruction in music in the public schools, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is a substantial uniformity in the results obtained, and whether any changes can be suggested which will be likely to improve this branch of the service, and to report what reorganization may be necessary to effect such improvement.

Election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Dunn, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There were two blanks. Henry Hitchings had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected Director of Drawing for the ensuing school year.

Henry Hitchings elected.

Mr. Davis offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools adopted January 11,

1886, and the amendments thereto since adopted, be and they are hereby reënacted and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Inscription on George Putnam school-house

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the name of "George Putnam School" to be placed over the door of the school-building.

Election of instructor in Manual Training School.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, George Smith, instructor in that school.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of instructor in Manual Training School.

Ordered, That the salary of the instructor in the Manual Training School be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignation of Elsa L. Hobart.

Mr. Murphy presented the resignation of Elsa L. Hobart, fourth assistant in the Lowell District.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Resignation of Ellen Shaw.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the resignation of Ellen Shaw, assistant in that school, to take effect April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Reëlection of instructors in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the same committee, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in that school: —

Principal. — Sarah Fuller.

First Assistant. — Ella C. Jordan.

Assistants. — Mary F. Bigelow, Sarah A. Jordan,

Martha F. Metcalf, Hannah Merrill, Kate D. Williams, Eleanor Le F. Morrison.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Horace Mann School.

Ballot for Principal of Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Eliot, Darling, and Murphy a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sarah Fuller had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school year.

Sarah Fuller elected.

Mr. Walker, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors of sewing: —

Reëlection of sewing-teachers.

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Bigelow, Elizabeth W. Boyd, Sarah J. Bray, Annie E. Brazer, Harriet E. Browne, Helen L. Burton, Catherine J. Cadogan, Eliza M. Cleary, Susan M. Cousens, Isabella Cumming, Kate A. Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Olive C. Hapgood, Mary E. Jacobs, Lizzie S. Kenna, Delia Mansfield, Catherine C. Nelson, Mary E. Patterson, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the petition for one daily session in the Bailey-street School, reported that a notice for a hearing was sent to the lady who headed the petition, but no one appeared to favor

Report of Committee on Ninth Division; petition for one daily session in Bailey-street School.

the proposition. The committee therefore recommend that, as the season has so far advanced, no further action be taken.

Accepted.

Mr. Davis offered the following: —

Section 45 of the Rules reënacted.

Ordered, That Section 45 of the Rules of the Board be and hereby is reënacted and ratified.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., Mar. 23, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred by the School Committee for the present financial year; also the expenditures for the financial year 1884-85.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1885-86.	Expenditures, 1885-86.	Balance unexpended.	Expenditures, 1884-85.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,204,146	$1,192,493 29	$11,652 71	$1,170,751 71
Salaries, Officers . .	60,180	58,910 00	1,270 00	60,020 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	87,500	86,601 38	898 62	84,982 91
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .	68,000	58,545 69	9,454 31	61,325 41
School Ex. Supplies, Manual Training, and other expenses.	117,300	87,776 13	29,523 87	128,991 77
Totals	$1,537,126	$1,484,326 49	$52,799 51	$1,506,071 80

Balance of the appropriation unexpended . . . $52,799 51

Decrease in gross expenditures as compared with last year $21,745 31

The gross expenses, as compared with those of last year, show an increase in the salaries of Instructors of $21,741.58; an increase

in the salaries of Janitors of $1,618.47; a decrease in the salaries of Officers of $1,110; a decrease in the cost of Supplies, of $43,995,36; making a decrease in the total expenditure, as compared with that of last year, of $21,745.31.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; janitors to remain in school-buildings during school sessions. [See page 44.]

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Feb. 23, 1886 — an order that they consider and report if any further legislation be necessary relative to janitors being required to remain in the school-buildings during school sessions, reported that the printed rules made by the Committee on Accounts relative to the time required of the janitors are posted in the several school-houses; and that principals are instructed to report when said rules are not complied with. Janitors receiving $60, or more, per month are required to remain in their buildings from half-past eight o'clock in the morning until half-past four o'clock in the afternoon, with one hour intermission at noon, in addition to the time required for the performance of regular duties; and janitors receiving less than $60 per month are required to be in attendance at stated times during the day.

Your committee are of the opinion that the salaries paid janitors will not warrant any time being required of them in addition to that now prescribed by the rules; and the committee respectfully report that no action is necessary on the order proposed.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 13, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to hold a convention with this Board, on this day and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in this Board caused by the resignations of George H. Plummer and William J. McCormick; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

Convention to fill vacancies in School Board.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, Hon. Charles H. Allen, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, was chosen President of the convention.

Mr. Crowley was appointed to conduct the President to the chair.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nominations of candidates to fill vacancies in the School Committee: —

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancies in School Board.

Willard S. Allen and E. F. Spaulding to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George H. Plum-

mer. George M. Hobbs and Emily A. Fifield to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William J. McCormick.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George H. Plummer.

The Chair appointed Alderman Donovan and Messrs. Murphy and Gallagher, of the School Committee, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

First ballot.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 34; necessary for a choice under the statute, 18. Robert Disbrow and E. F. Spaulding had 1 vote each; George M. Hobbs, Charles C. Perkins, and Richard J. Walsh had 2 votes each; William H. Grainger had 3 votes; Willard S. Allen and Emily A. Fifield had 7 votes each; and Gerald Griffin had 8 votes; and there was one ballot with two names; and there was no choice.

Second ballot.

On motion of Alderman Freeman, the convention proceeded to ballot for two members of the School Committee to fill vacancies.

The Chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 34; necessary for a choice under the statutes, 18. Fred. A. Wellington, Robert Disbrow, E. F. Spaulding had 1 vote each; Charles C. Perkins had 2 votes; Richard J. Walsh had 4 votes; William H. Grainger had 5 votes; George M. Hobbs had 8 votes; Willard S. Allen had 9 votes; Gerald Griffin had 16 votes; and Emily A. Fifield had 21 votes.

Mrs. Fifield, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

Emily A. Fifield elected a member of the School Committee.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Committee to fill a vacancy.

The following table shows the results of the several ballots : —

	Third Ballot	Fourth Ballot.	Fifth Ballot.
Whole number of votes	34	33	34
Necessary for a choice	18	18	18
Robert Disbrow	1	1	.....
William H. Graiuger	1	.....	.....
Richard J. Walsh	1	.....	.....
Charles C. Perkins	3	3	4
George M. Hobbs	4	4	3
Willard S. Allen	8	6	8
Gerald Griffin	16	17	19
Thomas H. Hearn	.....	1	.....
Fred A. Wellington	.....	1	.....

On the fifth ballot Gerald Griffin, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

Gerald Griffin elected a member of the School Committee.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Chair read a communication from the Board of Aldermen referring to the School Committee a petition of Washington Post 32, G.A.R., to be granted the use of the upper floor of the building used for school-pur-

Petition of Washington Post 32, G.A.R. for use of upper floor of Dorchester-st. school house.

poses on the corner of Fourth and Dorchester streets, South Boston.

The petition was referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Petition of Caroline A. Kennard; distribution of leaflets for protection of birds.

The Chair read a petition, signed by Caroline A. Kennard, of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, asking the consent of the Board to allow the distribution of leaflets bearing an attractive song, in the interests of the protection of birds and their nests.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Resignation of Raphael Lasker, as member of Committee on Annual Report.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, April 13, 1886.

Hon. T. J. DACEY, *Prest. School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully resign as a member of the Committee on Annual Report.

Yours truly,

RAPHAEL LASKER.

Accepted.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Lowell District. — Elsa L. Hobart, fourth assistant, April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chas. Sumner District. — Caroline M. Bayley, third assistant, from April 12, 1886.

Hancock District. — Katherine E. Gillespie, third assistant, from April 1, 1886.

Lewis District. — Katie M. Groll, third assistant, from April 13, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Richards, fourth assistant, from April 12, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Annie H. Berry, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1 to March 1, 1886.

Wells District. — Lillian W. Prescott, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Hancock District. — Julia E. Collins, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1886. Election of teachers on probation.

Lewis District. — Alice M. Sibley, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1886.

Lowell District. — Marguerite G. Brett, fourth assistant, from April 12, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bunker Hill District. — Clara B. Brown, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Julia M. Burbank, third assistant.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Dorchester High School. — Mary W. Hall, first assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886, without pay. Mary W. Hall.

Bowdoin District. — Ella L. Macomber, third assistant, until July 1, 1886. Ella L. Macomber.

Brimmer District. — Winella W. Stratton, second assistant, primary department, until Sept. 1, 1886; Edith L. Stratton, substitute. Winella W. Stratton.

Franklin District. — Carrie G. White, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1886; Eva L. Munroe, substitute. Carrie G. White.

Elizabeth B. Wetherbee.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Elizabeth C. Bredeen, substitute.

Phebe H. Simpson.

Lewis District. — Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant, until July 1, 1886; Alice E. Robinson, substitute.

Eloise B. Walcott.

Eloise B. Walcott, fourth assistant, until May 15, 1886; Fannie E. Merriam, substitute.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, second assistant, until June 1, 1886.

Sybel G. Brown.

Sherwin District. — Sybel G. Brown, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Elizabeth L. Stodder, substitute.

Anna M. Pond.

Warren District. — Anna M. Pond, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Hattie L. Rea, substitute.

Election of a teacher for Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the nomination of Elsa L. Hobart, assistant in the Horace Mann School, to date from April 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was —

Walpole-street school-house surrendered to City Council.

Ordered, That the Walpole-street Primary school-house be surrendered to the City Council.

Petition of New England Public School Music-Teachers' Association; pupils to sing at annual meeting.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, presented a petition, which had been submitted to that committee, signed by O. B. Brown, G. A. Veazie, Jr., and L. W. Mason, a committee of the New England Public School Music-Teachers' Association, asking that a chorus of two hundred pupils from the upper classes of the Grammar Schools be permitted to sing at the annual meeting of the Music-Teachers' National Association, in this city, June 30, July 1 and 2, 1886. The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the petition of the committee of the

Music-Teachers' National Association and the New England Public School Music-Teachers' Association, asking that two hundred pupils from the upper classes of the Grammar Schools be allowed to prepare for, and take part in, the convention of said bodies, to be held at Tremont Temple, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 30 and July 1 and 2, 1886, be referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with full powers; provided their action shall involve no expense to the city of Boston.

The petition was placed on file, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; physical apparatus-room in Dillaway school-house. [See page 50.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order concerning the fitting up of a room in the Dillaway school-house as a class-room for instruction in physics, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up a room in the Dillaway school-house, similar to that in the Prince school-house, with cases for apparatus, etc., as a class-room for instruction in physics.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; remodelling of old Dorchester High school-house. [See page 61.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order concerning the remodelling of the old Dorchester High school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the old Dorchester High school-house, and fit it for use as a four-room primary school-house; also, to provide a new furnace and suitable ventilation for the building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; Primary school desks for Atherton School-house. [See page 61.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order concerning the placing of primary-school desks in the Atherton school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place twenty-five primary-school desks in the vacant room in the Atherton school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Margaret Holmes. [See page 44.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — February 23 — an order concerning the salary of Margaret Holmes, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Margaret Holmes, second assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from November 1, 1885.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Instructor in Manual Training School. [See page 64.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order concerning the salary of the Instructor in Manual Training School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of the Instructor in the Manual Training School be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum for the present school year.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Abbie E. Wilson. [See page 50.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order concerning the salary of Abbie E. Wilson, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Abbie E. Wilson, third assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from January 5, 1886, on account of her previous long and successful experience.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors in the service of the city be continued on the basis of last year's salaries, for the month of April, 1886.

Salaries of teachers continued on basis of last year for the month of April.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to examine the Roxbury High School-house, and report, with the least practicable delay, what changes are necessary to adapt it to the proper accommodation of an increased number of pupils, with some estimate of the expense of such changes.

Alterations in Roxbury High School-house.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that they report upon the expediency of so amending the Regulations as to provide that the Superintendent of Schools shall be empowered to decide when there shall be no morning session of the public schools on account of inclement weather, reported that after carefully considering the subject, it is inexpedient, in their opinion, to amend the Regulations as proposed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; suspension of morning sessions of schools on account of inclement weather. [See page 18.]

Accepted.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that the Rules and Regulations adopted Jan 11, 1886, be reënacted and ratified, reported that the amended city charter provides that all orders, resolutions, and votes of the School Committee, which involve the expenditure of money, shall be submitted to the Mayor for his approval. The Rules and Regulations contain provisions for the expenditure of all money, for school purposes, under the control of the School Committee; and, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, the order of Jan. 11, 1886, adopting the Rules and Regulations, was an order involving the expenditure of money, and should have been submitted

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reënactment and ratification of Rules and Regulations. [See page 63.]

to the Mayor for his approval. In the opinion of your committee it is necessary for the Mayor to approve such Rules and Regulations only, which involve the expenditure of money, and they therefore recommend that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools which involve the expenditure of money be and they are hereby reënacted and ratified.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; grading of sub-masters of Grammar schools. [See page 15.]

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of grading sub-masters of Grammar Schools as first and second sub-masters, according to the Regulations formerly in force, presented the report of that committee upon the subject. Mr. Boardman Hall of the committee, presented a minority report, signed by him.

Minority report.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the reports were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rank of Principals in High schools; amendment of Regulations.

Ordered, That Section 246, Paragraph 2, of the Regulations, be amended as follows: Strike out the words "one hundred and fifty" in the first and third lines, and insert in place thereof the words "two hundred." Add the following words to the paragraph: "*Provided*, That no head-master who was in the service of the city April 1, 1886, as principal of a high school of less than two hundred pupils shall be reduced in rank."

Passed to a second reading.

Committee on Annual School Festival.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the Annual

School Festival: Messrs. Davis, Fallon, Gallagher, Murphy, and Hall.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Clara B. Brown, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1886.

Salary of Clara A. Brown.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove some of the trees from the yard of the Hillside School-house.

Removal of trees from yard of Hillside School-house.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That twenty-four hundred copies of the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools be printed.

Edition of Report of Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That twenty-six hundred copies of the Manual of the Public Schools be printed.

Edition of Manual of the Public Schools

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That the Courses of Study for Grammar and Primary Schools adopted by the Board, March 9, 1886, take effect on and after Sept. 1, 1886.

Cources of Study for Grammar and Primary Schools to take effect Sept. 1, 1886. [See page 55.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue a certificate of service to Mrs. Annie Ellis on account of her successful service as a teacher in the public schools of this city.

Certificate of service to Annie Ellis.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Payment of salary due Jennie M. Carney.

Ordered, That the salary due Jennie M. Carney, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Brimmer District, be paid to her sister, Mary A. Carney.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Wall-street School-house surrendered to the City Council.

Ordered, That the Wall-street School-house be surrendered to the City Council; a new building having been erected to accommodate the pupils in that section, and the Wall-street School-house being entirely unfit to be again used as a public school.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the same committee, it was

Sharp School-house, use of for a vacation school.

Ordered, That the West End Vacation School Committee be allowed to make use of such rooms as they may require in the Sharp School-house for a vacation school; the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Use of room in Terrace-street School-house granted to Putnam Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Ordered, That the use of a room in the Terrace-street School-house be granted to the Putnam Lodge of Odd Fellows on the evening of Tuesday, April 20, 1886.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; election of officers.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported that a proposition to reduce the number of truant-officers was presented to the School Board of last year, and was under advisement for several months. While the subject was under consideration a vacancy occurred in the force, which was not filled, thus reducing the number of truant-officers to seventeen. Finally the whole subject of reducing the truant-force was referred to the present School Board, and on Jan. 11 was referred to this committee. After giving the matter careful attention your committee are of the opinion that the work of the truant-force can be performed by sixteen officers, and they report the following nominations of truant-officers, to date from April 1, 1886: —

George Murphy, chief; Chase Cole, Charles E. Turner, George M. Felch, James Bragdon, Abraham M. Leavitt, Edward F. Mecuen, Charles S. Woofindale, Hannibal F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Jeremiah M. Swett, Samuel McIntosh, Warren J. Stokes, James P. Leeds, and Sumner P. White.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 27, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Darling, Dunn, and Roeth.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Elections, presented the credentials of Mrs. Emily A. Fifield and Mr. Gerald Griffin, members-elect of the School Committee. Credentials of members-elect.

The credentials were placed on file, and Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Griffin appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 246, Paragraph 2, of the Regulations be amended, as follows: Strike out the words "one hundred and fifty," in the first and third lines, and insert in place thereof the words "two hundred." Add the following words to the paragraph: "*Provided*, That no head-master, who was in the service of the city April 1, 1886, as principal of a High School of less than two hundred pupils shall be reduced in rank." Rank of principals in High Schools; Regulations amended. [See page 78.]

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was amended by adding the following words, "in consequence of increasing the number of pupils used in determining the rank of principals from one hundred and fifty to two hundred."

The order, as amended, passed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Adams District. — John O. Godfrey, second assistant, April 19, 1886.

Lyman District. — Martha H. Palmer, fourth assistant, March 31, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Lucina Dunbar, fourth assistant, from April 20, 1886; Florence M. De Meritt, fourth assistant, from April 27, 1886.

Prescott District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant, from April 19, 1886.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from April 26, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Lyman District. — Martha H. Palmer, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1886.

Tileston District. — Elizabeth K. Shea, fourth assistant, from April 26, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Lyman District. — Jane A. Soutter, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Augusta C. Kimball.

Girls' High School. — Augusta C. Kimball, assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Carrie A. Teele, substitute.

Martha D. Chapman.

Dearborn District. — Martha D. Chapman, second

assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Grace M. Clark, substitute.

Dillaway District. — Olive M. E. Rowe, second assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Anna F. Bayley, substitute. Eliza Brown, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Mary A. H. Fuller, substitute.

Olive M. E. Rowe.

Eliza Brown.

Dudley District. — Emeline E. Torrey, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Amanda E. Henderson, substitute.

Emeline E. Torrey.

Harris District. — Elizabeth P. Boynton, second assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Cordelia G. Torrey, substitute.

Elizabeth P. Boynton.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; George T. Wiggin, substitute.

Mary A. Lovering.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that six hundred copies of the report be printed.

Committee on Supplies authorized to report in print.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District.

Additional Primary School accommodations in the Dudley District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the report of the Committee on Truant-Officers, nominating truant-officers, presented at the last meeting, was taken from the table.

Report of Committee on Truant-Officers; election of officers.

[See pp. 80, 81.]

The committee reported the following nominations of truant-officers, to date from April 1, 1886: George Murphy, *Chief;* Chase Cole, Charles E. Turner, George M. Felch, James Bragdon, Abraham M. Leavitt, Edward F. Mecuen, Charles S. Wooffindale, Hannibal F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Jeremiah M. Swett, Samuel McIntosh, Warren J. Stokes, James P. Leeds, Richard W. Walsh, and Sumner P. White.

Mr. Murphy moved that the report be recommitted to the committee.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the nominations of truant-officers as reported by the committee were confirmed.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, offered the following: —

Salaries of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,500 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1886.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Walker offered the following: —

Reduction and simplification of study of arithmetic in Grammar Schools.

Whereas, The study of so-called Arithmetic in the Grammar Schools of this city covers much ground which does not come within the proper scope of arithmetic, which is the art of numbers, no small part of the time and strength of the pupils being given to merely technical applications of arithmetical rules; and

Whereas, The exercises prescribed are often difficult beyond the best conditions of mental discipline, the problems set for the pupils being really exercises, not in arithmetic, but in logic, such as pertain to a period of life several years later; —

Resolved, That the Committee on Examinations are requested to inquire and report whether it is not practicable to reduce and simplify the studies and exercises now prescribed under the head of Arithmetic.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Abatement of tuition bill of Grace M. Cummings.

Ordered, That there be abated from the amount paid by Mr. Mark A. Cummings, of Maplewood, for tuition

of Grace M. Cummings, a non-resident pupil in the Girls' Latin School, the sum of thirty-five and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($35.20), said pupil having ceased attending said school March 10, 1886.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fifth Division examine, and report at the next meeting of the School Board whether there occurred recently in the Sherwin School a case of cruel and barbarous punishment of a boy by the master of that school; and, if so, the nature and circumstances of the case.

Investigation of case of corporal punishment in the Sherwin School.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, April 27, 1886.

HON. TIMOTHY J. DACEY, *President School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Respectfully,

HENRY CANNING.

Resignation of Henry Canning as a member of Committee on Ninth Division.

Accepted.

The Chair announced the following appointments on committees to fill vacancies: —

Appointments on committees.

Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, as a member of the Committees on Salaries, Sewing (as Chairman) First and Ninth Divisions.

Mr. Griffin, as a member of the Committees on Accounts, Truant-Officers, Second and Seventh Divisions.

Mr. Walker, as a member of the Committee on Annual Report.

Mr. Chapin, as Chairman of the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, as a member of the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Canning, as a member of the Committee on School-houses.

Approved.

Petition of Caroline A. Kennard; distribution of leaflets for protection of birds. [See p. 72.]

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-books, to whom was referred — April 13 — the petition signed by Caroline A. Kennard, of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, asking the consent of the Board to allow the distribution of leaflets, bearing an attractive song in the interests of the protection of birds and their nests, reported that a copy of a leaflet proposed had been examined by the committee and found not suitable, and they recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Use of chemical laboratory of Girls' High School by Boston Cooking School.

Ordered, That the use of the Chemical Laboratory of the Girls' High School, on Saturday afternoons, be granted to the Boston Cooking School for instruction to the Normal class of said Cooking School, for persons preparing to become teachers of cooking; the same to be without expense to the city.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Clara B. Brown. [See p. 79.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order concerning the salary of Clara B. Brown, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Clara B. Brown, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salaries of truant-officers,

Ordered, That the salaries of the truant-officers in the

service of the city be continued on the basis of last year's salaries, for the month of April, 1886.

continued on last year's basis for month of April.

The Chair read a petition from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw for the use of an upper room and a basement room in the Cushman school-house, and for an upper room in the Chardon-court school-house, for carrying on classes, chiefly from the public schools, which have been interrupted by fire in the North Bennett Street Industrial School.

Petition for use of rooms in Cushman and Chardon-court school-houses, for Industrial classes.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the subject of grading sub-masters of Grammar Schools (School Doc. 4, 1886), were taken from the table.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; grading of sub-masters of Grammar Schools. [See pp. 15, 78.]

Mr. Hall moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

After discussion the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 11, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: all the members, except the President, Messrs. Elliott, Hall, and Roeth.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by Mr. Williamson, the senior member.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the rules providing for an election of President *pro tempore* by ballot were suspended.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, Mr. Williamson was elected President *pro tempore*.

Mr. Williamson elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

City of Boston,
Executive Department, May 7, 1886.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; appropriations and expenditures.

Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, *Chairman School Committee*: —

Sir, — The new City Charter says, "No expenditure shall be made, nor liability incurred, for any purpose beyond the appropriation duly made therefor."

This language cannot be misunderstood, and I respectfully call the attention of the heads of departments to it.

Last year was a mixed year. Most of the appropriation was placed before the new charter went into operation, and it was in some instances embarrassing to carry on the work efficiently in some departments with the balance that was left.

This year the new charter will have full force, the amount appropriated to each department has been agreed upon, and

every department will be held to a strict accountability. Not a dollar can be expected beyond the amount appropriated; and every department is expected to arrange their work and payments so that there will be no embarrassment the closing months of the financial year.

Yours respectfully,
HUGH O'BRIEN,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; additional school accommodations in the Hillside District. [See pp. 46, 57.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 3, 1886.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to hire a room, for the accommodation of pupils of the Hillside District, in the buildings formerly used for school purposes, situated near the corner of Washington and Green streets, West Roxbury, and to pay as rent therefor not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings.

Passed.

Sent down for concurrence. May 6, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1886.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council: bequest of John H. Eastburn for benefit of scholars attending the Normal School.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 3, 1886.

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has received, in behalf of the City Council of Boston, a legacy of ten thousand dollars from the Trustees under the will of the late John H. Eastburn, of Boston; said sum to be held by the city for the benefit of deserving poor scholars attending the Boston Normal School, —

Resolved, That, in accepting this valuable gift, the City Council of Boston recognizes an act of generosity, characteristic of the benefactor, that will serve to retain him in grateful remembrance by his fellow-citizens, and more particularly those for whose benefit the legacy is given.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to invest the legacy of ten thousand dollars, received from the estate of John H. Eastburn, in City of Boston bonds; the fund thus created to be known as the "Eastburn School Fund," the income thereof to be paid by the City Treasurer to the School Committee, to be by them expended for the purposes set forth in the will of the testator.

Passed.

Sent down for concurrence. May 6, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1886.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Minna B. Noyes, assistant, from April 15, 1886.

Dearborn District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1886.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Mahan, fourth assistant, from March 4 to 31, 1886, inclusive.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, third assistant, from May 3, 1886.

Lewis District. — Sarah E. Deane, fourth assistant, from April 1 to 14, 1886, inclusive.

Lowell District. — Annie F. Sears, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of a teacher on probation.

Brimmer District. — Alice Patten, fourth assistant, second year, from April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Nellie I. Lapham.

Comins District. — Nellie I. Lapham, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Nellie F. Brazer, substitute.

E. Augusta Randall.

Hillside District. — E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1886; Clara I. Stevens, substitute.

Alice G. Maguire.

Hyde District. — Alice G. Maguire, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Mary M. Coleman, substitute.

Charlotte A. Pike.

Lyman District. — Charlotte A. Pike, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Mary A. D. Maclean, substitute.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, second assistant, until July 1, 1886; Sarah M. Taylor, substitute.

Graduating exercises of the Gibson School to be omitted this year.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises in the Gibson School be dispensed with this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Use of King-street schoolhouse for a vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of the King-street schoolhouse be granted to William F. Hastings for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the folllowing: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to raise the rear part of the floor of the hall of the Martin school-house.

Floor of hall of Martin school-house to be raised.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grant the use of the Municipal Court building, on Roxbury street, for the accommodation of primary pupils in the Dudley District.

Primary School accommodations Dudley District.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to consider and report as to the reductions in expenditures for the present year which can be made with the least detriment to the schools, to conform to the appropriations granted for school purposes by the City Council.

Reduction in school expenses.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant-Officers examine and report to this Board, at their earliest convenience, the circumstances attending the complaint and conviction for habitual truancy of Daniel Reagan, a pupil in the Sherwin School, on the twenty-second day of April last, and whether the provisions of Section 368 of the Regulations were complied with by the truant-officer making the complaint.

Investigation of complaint and conviction of Daniel Reagan as an habitual truant.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant-Officers consider and report to this Board, at their earliest convenience, what, if any, further legislation is necessary to prevent abuses, in the matter of complaints for truancy, by truant-officers.

Complaints for truancy by truant-officers.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Annual parade School Regiment; prize drills.

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 21, and that the annual prize drills be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 and 2.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Certificate of service to Lyman R. Williston.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to issue a first-grade certificate of service to Lyman R. Williston, in consideration of long and efficient service as supervisor.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended. Report of Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations and High Schools; out-of-school lessons of High-School pupils. [See page 44.]

Mr. Flint, for the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations and High Schools, who were requested — Feb. 23 — to consider and report a section additional to the Regulations, limiting out-of-school lessons of High-School pupils, reported that, in a conference with the principals of the Latin and High Schools, it was learned that the average time now given by the pupils in these schools to out-of-school lessons does not exceed two hours a day, which is, in the judgment of the committee, a reasonable requirement. In the opinion of the principals it is undesirable to fix a positive limit, by rule, for out-of-school study of pupils in the Latin and High Schools, because the attention of the teachers has been given to the subject and their efforts directed to correcting any excess in out-of-school study, and because it is their unanimous judgment that such rule would be difficult to enforce, and might soon be disregarded in the interest of pupils and schools.

Your committee recognize the importance of guarding the health of the pupils from danger of overwork, or excessive study out of school; and they believe that this can be accomplished with the greatest benefit to the

pupils and the schools by encouraging the teacher to exercise a judicious interest in the matter, and holding them responsible for the practice of the greatest caution in assigning out-of-school lessons to pupils. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the teachers in the Latin and High Schools be directed to use every effort to reduce as much as possible the out-of-school study of their pupils. Lessons to be learned out of school by pupils in the Latin and High Schools shall be such as a scholar of average capacity can learn in two hours' study.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salaries of of teachers and truant-officers continued on basis of last year for the month of May.

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors and truant-officers in the service of the city be continued, on the basis of last year's salaries, for the month of May, 1886.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Use of Wait school-house for a vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School, to use the Wait school-house as a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the same committee, it was

Case of corporal punishment in Sherwin School. [See page 87.]

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fifth Division be granted further time in which to report upon the order relating to a case of corporal punishment in the Sherwin School.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Edition of Report of Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print, and that 750 copies of the report be printed.

Resolutions on death of Lucius A. Wheelock.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Whereas, By the providence of God, Lucius A. Wheelock, late master of the Rice School, has been removed by death from his labors; therefore

Resolved, That the School Committee desire to express their appreciation of his fidelity to duty, his kindness to teachers and pupils, and his many noble traits of character as a man;

Resolved, That Mr. Wheelock consecrated his life to the best interests of education, and was sound, earnest, and practical in his professional labors;

Resolved, That we extend to the wife, children, and relatives of the deceased our earnest and heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour of their bereavement;

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records, and that a copy of the same be suitably engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 25, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the Chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Canning, Cutter, Darling, Dunn, Elliott, Gallagher, Hall, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Adams District. — Sarah N. Macomber, from March 3, 1886.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Mahan, from May 3, 1886.

Lewis District. — Fannie E. Merriam, from May 26, 1886.

Mather District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, from April 14, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, from May 3, 1886.

Adams District. — Alanson H. Mayers, second assistant, from April 19, 1886.

Dudley District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, fourth assistant, from May 17, 1886.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from May 17, 1886.

Rice District. — James Burrier, second assistant, from April 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Bennett District. — Anna L. Hooker, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Petition of John Kelly relative to school-hours.

The Chair presented a petition signed by John Kelly, relative to school-hours.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, submitted the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 7, 1886.)

The following orders were appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That Wentworth & Hill's Exercises in Algebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

2. *Ordered*, That as new Fourth Readers are needed in the fourth classes of the Grammar Schools the New Franklin Fourth Readers be authorized and furnished; and, as new Fifth Readers are needed in the second classes of the Grammar Schools, the New Franklin Fifth Readers be authorized and furnished.

3. *Ordered*, That Greene's Readings from English History and Philips's Historical Reader No. 4 be authorized for use as text-books in the first classes of

the Grammar Schools; these books to be used in the manner indicated in the course of study; the total number of these books furnished to each school to be equal to the number of pupils in the first class, — one-half of the pupils to be supplied with each book.

4. *Ordered*, That Charts of the Human Body (Milton Bradley Co.) be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That Wilson's Human Anatomical and Physiological Charts be authorized for use in the Normal and High Schools.

Special assignment.

The report was accepted, and the orders were specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Annual Report of the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 5, 1886.)

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Carrie L. Floyd.

Gibson District. — Carrie L. Floyd, third assistant, until July 1, 1886; Emma F. Merrill, substitute.

E. Josephine Page. Rebecca Coulter.

Lowell District. — E. Josephine Page, second assistant; Rebecca Coulter, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886.

Ella C. Hutchins.

Rice District. — Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1886; Anna K. Barry, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

Payment of salary due Lucius A. Wheelock.

Ordered, That the salary due Lucius A. Wheelock, deceased, late master of the Rice School, be paid to his widow.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of James C. Davis as member of Committee on Annual School Festival.

BOSTON, May 25, 1886.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President, etc.* : —

DEAR SIR, — As I find that it will not be convenient for me to attend to the duties of the office, will you kindly permit me to resign the chairmanship and membership of the Committee on the Annual Festival.

I am yours, very respectfully,

JAMES C. DAVIS.

Accepted.

Appointment on committee.

The Chair appointed Mr. Williamson as Chairman of the Committee on Annual School Festival, in place of Mr. Davis, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Howe's filter to be attached to water-pipes of Brimmer School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings is requested to grant permission to the Sanitary Improvement Co. to attach Howe's Patent Filter to the water-supply pipe of the Brimmer Grammar School building, without expense to the city.

Report of Committee on Accounts; reductions in school expenses. [See page 95.]

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 11, 1886 — an order that they consider and report as to the reduction in expenditures for the present year, which can be made with the least detriment to the schools, to conform to the appropriation granted for school purposes by the City Council, begs leave to report, that they have considered the subject and conferred with the chairmen of the several standing committees concerning the matter; and that this committee respectfully suggest the following recommendations to conform to the order referred to them : —

1. It is recommended that the Committee on High Schools, and the committees in charge of the several divisions, in the matter of the selection of teachers during the present year, confine themselves to such candidates as are willing to serve on the minimum salary allowed for the position to be filled; and that no increase of years of service be recommended for teachers now employed.

2. It is recommended that no general increase of salaries of janitors be made during the year.

3. It is recommended that the Committee on Manual Training be limited in their expenditures during the year to the extent of twenty-five hundred dollars.

4. It is recommended that the committees in charge of the Evening Schools and the Evening Drawing Schools reduce, as far as practicable, the expenses of these schools throughout the year.

5. It is recommended that the Committee on Salaries, in fixing the salaries for the present year, consider the advisability of reporting the salaries in such a manner that, in case the appropriation is not sufficient to carry on the schools, a reduction of ten per cent. can be made in the salaries due for the month of March, 1887, of all instructors and officers employed by the School Board during said month.

In addition to these recommendations herein offered a circular was sent to the principals of High and Grammar Schools, informing them of the reduced amount granted by the City Council for carrying on the schools, and requesting them to bear in mind the limited appropriation when preparing orders for school supplies, and in making recommendations during the year.

Your committee believe that, if the recommendations herein made are carried into effect, and if the principals will coöperate with the committee, — as it is believed they will, — the schools can be carried on throughout the year within the appropriation granted.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

In School Committee, June 8, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Girls' Latin School. — William Gallagher, master, Sept. 1, 1886. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Lyman District. — Mary S. Low, from May 25, 1886. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Norcross District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, from June 2, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. Tenney, assistant, from June 8, 1886. Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Nellie S. Henry, fourth assistant, Nov. 5 and 6, 1885.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice M. Barton, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1886.

Emerson District. — Caroline E. Nutter, third assistant, from June 8, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Laura Jenkins, fourth assistant, from June 9, 1886.

Lawrence District. — Annie L. Treanor, fourth assistant, from Jan. 4, 1886.

Lincoln District. — L. Idalia Provan, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from June 1, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Girls' Latin School. — Lyman R. Williston, master, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Wells District. — Lillian W. Prescott, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Shurtleff District. — Catherine A. Dwyer, second assistant; Anna L. Scallan, third assistant.

Stoughton District. — Elizabeth H. Page, first assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Comins District. — Edward W. Schuerch, Emily F. Carpenter, first assistants; Annetta F. Armes, second assistant; Nellie W. Leavitt, Charlotte P. Williams, Emily Swain, Emma E. Lawrence, Delia M. Upham, Nellie I. Lapham, Jane F. Gilligan, third assistants; to

the same positions respectively in the Martin District, the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the transfer of Charles W. Hill, principal of the Comins School, to the same position in the Martin School, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Transfer of Charles W. Hill.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Normal School, reported the transfer of Delwin A. Hamlin, principal of the Bowdoin School, to the same position in the Rice Training School, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Report Joint Committee on Nominations and Normal School; transfer of Delwin A. Hamlin.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Comins School : Myron T. Pritchard, master, to date from Sept. 6, 1886.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; principal of Comins School.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Comins School.

Ballot for principal of Comins School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Blake, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. William H. Martin had 1 vote, and Myron T. Pritchard had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Comins School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 6, 1886.

Election of Myron T. Pritchard.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the orders appended to the

Report of Com-

mittee on Text-books.
[See page 100.]

report of the Committee on Text-books (School Doc. 7, 1886) were taken from the table: —

1. *Ordered*, That Wentworth & Hill's Exercises in Algebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

The Chair ruled that it would require the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Board (16) to pass the order.

Appeal from decision of the Chair.

Mr. Blake appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained by a vote of 15 to 2.

The order was lost, ten members only voting in the affirmative.

Reconsideration.

Subsequently the vote whereby the order was declared lost was reconsidered by a vote of 13 to 8.

The order was lost, thirteen members only voting in the affirmative.

2. *Ordered*, That, as new Fourth Readers are needed in the fourth classes of the Grammar Schools, the New Franklin Fourth Readers be authorized and furnished; and, as new Fifth Readers are needed in the second classes of the Grammar Schools, the New Franklin Fifth Readers be authorized and furnished.

The Chair ruled that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

The order was lost, twelve members only voting in the affirmative,

3. *Ordered*, That Greene's Readings from English History, and Philips's Historical Reader No. 4, be authorized for use as text-books in the first classes of the Grammar Schools; these books to be used in the manner indicated in the course of study; the total number of these books furnished to each school to be equal to the number of pupils in the first class, — one-half of the pupils to be supplied with each book.

The Chair ruled that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

The order was lost, twelve members only voting in the affirmative.

4. *Ordered*, That Charts of the Human Body (Milton Bradley & Co.) be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

Passed.

5. *Ordered*, That Wilson's Human Anatomical and Physiological Charts be authorized for use in the Normal and High Schools.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Fifth Division: Investigation of case of corporal punishment in the Sherwin School. [See page 87.]

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, having been instructed — April 27 — to report the nature and circumstances of a case of corporal punishment in the Sherwin School, having heard the matter fully, submitted the following report: —

On March 11, 1886, a pupil in the Sherwin School was punished by the master of that school. The father of the boy stated that the punishment was very severe; that the body and legs of the boy bore the marks of the rattan, and that in consequence of this punishment he became so ill as to necessitate the calling of a physician twice to attend him. The mother stated that she had told the boy not to hold out his hand if the master attempted to punish him. The boy stated that the master threw him down, and when he attempted to get up pushed him down again. Several teachers of the district testified that the boy was disorderly and mischievous, and while in their classes a source of constant annoyance. The master stated that the boy was disobedient and troublesome. He was often absent, and many times a truant. He understood from the parents, with whom he frequently consulted, that he was to punish the boy when necessary. Prior to the time of the punishment the boy had been disobedient in the school-room, and had been warned that upon the next offence he would be punished. On the afternoon of March 11 the boy was reported to him for being disorderly in the filing and for calling out to another boy. In the judgment of the master the boy

deserved punishment. The master took the boy into an unoccupied room, explained the offence, and told him to hold out his hand for punishment, which he refused to do. The master stated that, had the case of discipline been a new one, he would have sent the boy home; but believing that the parents had been impotent to govern him and to support the school, and feeling that if the boy were sent home he would probably not return to school, and believing that the matter had been left to his judgment, he concluded that he must do as he would do with an insubordinate child of his own. The boy refusing to hold out his hand, the master took him by the collar and struck several severe blows upon his legs with a rattan, and then again told him to hold out his hand. The boy again refused to do so, and the master repeated the blows upon his legs and back until he submitted, and held out his hand for punishment. The master denied the charge of cruelty, and said that he did not lose his temper, and he denied that he threw the boy down, as the boy had stated. He said that inflicting the punishment he had the best interest of the boy and the school at heart; that he felt assured that the boy's resistance was owing to the influence or instructions of the mother, whom he considered responsible for the trouble; and that he believed at the time that the course he pursued was proper and judicious under the circumstances. The Regulations provide that corporal punishment "shall be restricted to blows on the hand with a rattan." The committee feel that the action of the master was in violation of the Regulations, and, as such, deserves censure; and the master is himself now fully aware that he was in fault. The record of the master is good, and the committee believe that he will not again transgress the rules, and this inquiry and statement of the case to the Board will be a sufficient punishment for his offence.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Eudora F. Sumner. [See page 56.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order concerning the salary of Eudora F. Sumner, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from March 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual report of Committee

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the annual report of the

Committee on Salaries (School Doc. 1, 1886) was taken from the table.

on Salaries; salaries of teachers. [See page 45.]

The report was accepted.

The orders appended to the report are as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the Public Schools be, for the ensuing school year, as contained in the following schedule. [See School Doc. 1, 1886.]

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72, each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of five dollars per day of actual service.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, the first order was amended so as to read as follows: —

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors of the Public Schools be, for the school year 1886–87, as contained in the following schedule (see School Doc. 1, 1886), *provided* that if the unexpended appropriation for school purposes, March 1, 1887, be insufficient to meet the expenses of this department for the balance of the year, a reduction, not exceeding ten per cent., may be made in the salaries due for the month of March, 1887, of all instructors in the employ of the Board during said month.

The order passed as amended.

The second order passed.

The third order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Reduction in salaries of officers.

Ordered, That provided the unexpended appropriation for school purposes, March 1, 1887, be insufficient to meet the expenses of this department for the balance of the year, a reduction, not exceeding ten per cent. may be made in the salaries due for the month of March, 1887, of all officers in the employ of the Board during said month.

Report of Committe on Salaries; salaries of truant-officers. [See page 86.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 27 — an order concerning the salaries of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum ; and that of the other truant-officers at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; alterations in Roxbury High School-house. [See page 77.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order requesting them to examine the Roxbury High School-house, and report what changes are necessary to adapt it to the proper accommodation of an increased number of pupils, reported : —

That, after a careful consideration of the matter, the committee are of the opinion that it is undesirable to make further alterations in the present building. The building was enlarged in 1861, and was remodelled and enlarged in 1874, at considerable expense. It is old, low-studded, and occupies almost the entire lot upon which it is built. To remodel and enlarge it would entail a large expense, and would result in only a temporary relief to the school. This school has been steadily increasing in numbers for the past few years, and the carefully prepared statistics presented by the head-master show that it will be necessary to provide increased accommodations for the coming

year. It will be remembered that a proposition was presented to the Board in 1881 for the abolishment of this school. After several public hearings and long consideration the Board voted to retain the school. The wisdom of this action has been clearly demonstrated. The central High Schools cannot accommodate the pupils of this school. The Roxbury High School has gradually increased in numbers, until at the present time it seems proper to consider the question of providing a new High-School building in Roxbury. The pressing need is for immediate increased accommodations, and the only practical and economical plan which the committee have to suggest is that the present building and the old Dillaway school-house, immediately in the rear, be connected by a bridge, and that two rooms in the latter building be devoted to the use of the High School. The committee feel that the interests of the school demand that the question of permanent and increased accommodations for the school should receive consideration at this time, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish increased accommodations for the Roxbury High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; school accommodations on Long Island.

The Superintendent of Schools, in his last report, calls the attention of the Board to the needs for a school on Long Island, Boston Harbor. It appears that there are more than twenty children of school age for whom the city makes no provision as to school accommodations. One room and one teacher are needed. For the past two years a young lady living on the island has taught some of the children gratuitously, but feels that she cannot continue to teach them without some remuneration. In 1883 a petition for the establishment of a public school on Long Island was presented to the Board, and at the meeting held Sept. 11, 1883, the Board voted that the City Council be requested to provide school accommodations on this island. Nothing has as yet been done to carry out this suggestion. Since that time the island has become the property of the city, and there seems to be no reason why the establishment of a public school there should be longer delayed.

Since 1883 the city has paid the teacher of the school on Spectacle Island a specified sum (the cost per pupil for Primary-school instruction), the sum paid being based upon the average number of pupils attending the school.

In the opinion of your committee the City Council should be asked to provide school accommodations on Long Island, and that some arrangement similar to that in the case of Spectacle Island should be made with regard to the compensation of a teacher. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish school accommodations on Long Island.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report Committee on School-houses; additional Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District. [See page 85.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 27 — an order that the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District, reported that said accommodations have been furnished, and no further action on the order is necessary.

Accepted.

Petition for four years' course in Charlestown High School.

Mr. Flint presented a petition, signed by Lyman Stickney and fifty-three others, citizens of Charlestown, asking that a four years' course be established in the Charlestown High School.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to present the reasons for the establishment of a four years' course in the Charlestown High School to the Committee on Examinations, and that the Committee on Examinations be requested to report on the subject at the next meeting of the Board.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations;

On motion of Mr. Flint, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations were taken from the table.

Mr. Hall moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

grading of submasters of Grammar Schools. [See pp. 15, 78.]

Lost.

The majority report was accepted.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Thursday, June 17.

Holiday, June 17.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Davis offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Allston School be held on Monday, June 28.

Graduating exercises of Allston School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of such High Schools as the Committee on High Schools shall determine be held on Monday, June 28.

Graduating exercises of the High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, it was

Ordered, That boys' work done this year in the Manual Training School may be exhibited on graduation day at the several Grammar Schools to which the boys belong.

Work of pupils in Manual Training School to be exhibited.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the basement of the Martin School-house to be concreted.

Basement of Martin School-house to be concreted.

Referred to Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Subsequently the vote whereby the order was referred was reconsidered.

The order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Boundary lines Comins and Martin Districts.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report, at the next meeting of the Board, boundary lines for the Comins and Martin School Districts.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of the Prince School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Prince School be on Monday, June 28, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Hygiene, offered the following: —

Window-boards for school-rooms.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place window-boards on all the windows of school-rooms where such boards have not already been placed, and that the same be done during the coming vacation.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Alteration of position of desks in school-rooms so that light shall fall upon the desks from the left and from behind.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to alter the position of desks and seats in all the school-rooms where they are not now so placed, so that the light may fall upon the desks from the left side, and from behind, unless some defect in the construction of the room renders such a change unadvisable.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

torm-windows on school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested not to apply the old-fashioned storm-windows upon the school buildings, it being almost impossible to ventilate a room where such windows are used.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to purchase, for the use of the Instructor in Hygiene, one "Yaggy's Anatomical Study," for the purpose of illustration in lecturing on physiology, the cost not to exceed thirty-five dollars. Yaggy's Anatomical Study.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to make such arrangements as they may deem best, whereby the windows of school-houses, where it is needed, may be more frequently cleaned than they are at present. Cleaning of windows of school-houses.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause stone or glass to be used in the construction of all new urinals for school-houses, and in all cases where old urinals are replaced by new; and to have the flooring under all such urinals also made of stone or glass; and, further, to see that all such urinals shall be partitioned off into individual spaces. Construction of urinals for school-houses.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: — Duties of truant-officers; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Sect. 368. Strike out all after the words "such officers," in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "to file with the chief truant-officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of ascertained sessions of truancy during the four weeks immedi-

ately preceding the filing of the statement; said statement to be approved in writing by the Chairman of the Committee of the division in which the school is located, or, in his absence, by some member of said Division Committee, or by the President of the School Board. After filing such statement the officer shall procure a warrant and arrest such child, who shall be brought before a magistrate having jurisdiction in the case."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 6, 1886.)

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of schools in Sixth Division.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of such Grammar Schools in the Sixth Division as the committee in charge may determine be held on Monday, June 28.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the Board adjourned.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 22, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Davis and Hall.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Comins District. — Myron T. Pritchard, sub-master, Sept. 6, 1886. Resignations of teachers.

Dwight District. — Sarah C. Fales, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Minot District. — Kate M. Adams, third assistant, June 1, 1886.

Mount Vernon District. — Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant, September 1, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Lawrence District. — Annie L. Treanor, fourth assistant, from April 12, 1886. Temporary teachers.

Lincoln District. — L. Idalia Provan, third assistant, from May 3, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — Mary McSkimmon, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Minot District. — Kate M. Adams, second assistant, from June 1, 1886.

Mount Vernon District. — Ella F. Parsons, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Lyman District. — George R. Keene, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Comins District. — Lena L. Carpenter, Mary E. Crosby, Fannie D. Lane, Eleanor F. Lang, Alicia F. McDonald, fourth assistants, to the same position in the Martin District, the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Mount Vernon District. — J. Lillian Colson, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Report Joint Committee on Nominations and Third Division, candidate for principal of Bowdoin School.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Third Division, reported the following unanimous nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Bowdoin School, — Alonzo Meserve, master, to date from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

Ballot for principal of Bowdoin school.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Bowdoin School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, and Dunn a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. C. F. Kimball had one vote, A. D. Small had one vote, and Alonzo Meserve had twenty votes, and was according declared elected principal of the Bowdoin School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 6, 1886.

Alonzo Meserve elected.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, who have thoroughly considered the system and methods of instruction of the French and German languages in our High Schools, submitted the following report: —

Report of Committee on High Schools; special instruction in French and German.

The results obtained from the teaching of the French and German languages by our American teachers, supplemented by the work of the special or native teachers in these languages, are most excellent in some of the schools, but unsatisfactory to the committee in others. There is a lack of uniformity of results, which we think can and ought to be remedied.

The city ought not, in justice to the proper instruction in our schools, to dispense with the services of the special or native teachers. They supplement the work of American teachers admirably when they fully understand their legitimate functions, and comply strictly with the wishes and instructions of the committee. They make the knowledge of the pupil more available and accustom the ear to the sounds of a living language as spoken by a native, and so enable him to use practically whatever knowledge he may possess more correctly and satisfactorily than would be possible from the instruction of American teachers alone, however able and faithful they may be. Besides this, a very large number of parents have the impression that a native teacher is indispensable in our higher schools of instruction, and would undoubtedly send their children to private schools, where they could have the advantage of accomplished native teachers, if we should fail to employ them in our High Schools. The policy of the city and of this Board has been to make our public schools so efficient and so good that no parent who desires the very best education for his child would be willing to deprive him of the manifest advantages of public-school instruction.

The committee believe that the department of modern languages can be made very much more efficient, and that they can obtain greater uniformity of results in the several schools under their charge by a modification of the present system, without any increased cost to the city. They believe it can be done, even with a decided reduction of expense, by means of an accomplished director and two native assistants, one in French and one in German.

The committee respectfully ask the Board to allow them to try the experiment, and for this purpose report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the office of Director of the French and German Languages be established in the High and Latin Schools, with a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, and two assistants, with a salary of one thousand dollars each per annum.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Confirmation of Eleanor Le F. Morrison.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported, recommending the confirmation of Eleanor Le F. Morrison, assistant in the Horace Mann School.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Text-books. Supplementary reading.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, presented the following report on supplementary reading: —

The plan for the distribution and assignment of supplementary reading-books, as modified a year ago, has been in successful operation during the past year, and no change in the plan is needed at this time. The Board of Supervisors have given a great deal of attention to the carrying out of the details of the distribution and assignment of books, and have kept themselves informed as to their use and condition, and their adaptability to the purposes intended, of supplementing the regular work in the schools.

In their report to this committee the Board of Supervisors recommend that a few new titles be added to

the lists of circulating supplementary reading for Primary and Grammar Schools. The limited amount set aside annually for this purpose has been judiciously expended, but is not sufficient to enable the needs of all the classes to be met in one year, so that it requires a careful discrimination in the annual purchase of these books. It will be remembered that when supplementary reading-books are purchased, only a small number is obtained, and they are passed from school to school. Adding titles to the list does not increase the annual expense for supplementary reading, as a stated sum is assigned for such purchases each year; the increased list simply affords a greater range of books from which to make careful selections. Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the following-named books be added to the list of circulating supplementary reading: for Grammar Schools, "Ten Boys who lived on the Road from Long Ago till Now," Scott's "Tales of a Grandfather," and Hayes' "Cast away in the Cold;" for Primary Schools, Johonnot's "Friends in Feathers and Fur," and Stickney's "First Reader."

Ordered, That the lists of books authorized for supplementary reading in the public schools last year, with such additions to the lists as have since been made by the Board, be authorized for use for supplementary reading in the public schools for the present year; the plan of assignment and distribution to be the same as for last year.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That John R. Morse, sub-master in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1886. Salary of John R. Morse.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Additional accommodations for class in ship-draughting in Lincoln School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to furnish additional accommodations for the use of the class in ship and yacht draughting in the basement of the Lincoln School, instruction to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, it was

Establishment of a Cooking-School at South Boston.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training School be authorized to establish a cooking-school in South Boston, the location to be left to the chairman, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Lowell School, desks in first-class room.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to change the seats and desks now in the first-class room of the Lowell School-house, so that fifty-six desks may be placed in the room, which contains at present only forty-two desks.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Dudley School-house; ventilation of drain-pipes.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to properly ventilate the drain-pipes in the Dudley School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Phillips-street School-house; sanitary improvement of privies.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the privies attached to the Phillips-street School-house (Roxbury) thoroughly renovated, ventilated, and otherwise improved, so as to remove the danger to the health of pupils and teachers from the poisonous gases which emanate from these privies at present.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to enlarge the heating apparatus of the Winthrop-street School-house during the coming vacation, so that all the rooms of the building may be properly heated. Heating apparatus, Winthrop-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the sanitary condition of the Dearborn School-house improved, to have the privies properly ventilated, and such alterations made in the building as will remove the danger to the health of pupils and teachers from water and dampness in the cellar of the building. Sanitary condition of Dearborn School-house to be improved.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide a retiring room for the teachers in the Chestnut-avenue Primary School-house. Chestnut-avenue School-house; retiring-room for teachers.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to construct two rooms out of a part of the hall of the Dudley School-house. Dudley School-house; partitioning hall of, into two school-rooms.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Mary W. Currier be approved as a substitute for Eliza Brown, third assistant in the Dillaway District, granted leave of absence. Mary W. Currier, substitute.

Petitions for retention of branch library in Hancock School-house.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Rev. Edward P. Byrnes and 148 others, citizens and residents of the North End; also a petition signed by Thomas F. Hunt, and 19 others, pupils of the schools and residents of the North End, praying that the branch library in the Hancock School-house be allowed to remain in that building.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

Report of Committee on Third Division; removal of Public Library from Hancock School-house.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported that, upon application of the Trustees of the Public Library, permission was granted by the Board, in 1882, to use two rooms in the Hancock School-house for library purposes, with the understanding that the rooms should be surrendered to the School Committee when needed for school purposes. These rooms are now needed for school purposes, and your committee regret to discommode the Trustees of the library, but feel it to be their duty to guard the interests of the school-children, and are therefore compelled to ask that these rooms be surrendered to the Board. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to vacate and surrender to the School Committee the rooms now used by them for library purposes in the Hancock School-house, and that the rooms be vacated as soon as possible, in order to fit them, during the coming vacation, for use as school-rooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr Darling, for the same committee, it was

Blossom-street Primary school-house; use of for vacation school.

Ordered, That the West End Vacation School Committee be granted the use of the Blossom-street Primary School-house in lieu of the Anderson-street School-house, as the latter building is about to be repaired; the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the rooms in the Eliot School-house arranged for evening school purposes, be granted to the Vacation Evening School Committee for a vacation evening school; the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of rooms in Eliot school-house for vacation evening school.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Cushman School-house be granted to the North Bennett-street Industrial School for a vacation school from July 12 to August 20, the same to be without expense to the city.

Cushman school-house; use of for vacation school.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — June 8 — a petition from residents of Charlestown praying that a four years' course be established in the Charlestown High School, reported that they have conferred with the Committee on High Schools, and, as at present informed, are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate at this time. The committee wish, however, to express their willingness to give the petitioners a hearing in the matter if such be desired.

Report of Committee on Examinations; establishment of a fourth-year course in Charlestown High School. [See page 114.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — a petition from the officers of the St. Matthew's Social Union of South Boston, asking for the use of the hall in the city building corner of Dorchester and Fourth streets, reported that they have granted the petition, and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; use of hall in school-building, Dorchester street, corner of Fourth street. [See page 17.]

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools,

Report of Committee on Nominations; special

instructors in modern languages.

reported the following nominations of special instructors of modern languages: —

Director of Modern Languages. — Alphonse N. van Daell from Sept. 6, 1886.

Assistant Instructors in Modern Languages. — Henri Morand and John F. Stein, from Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the nominations of assistant instructors confirmed.

Ballot for Director of Modern Languages.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Modern Languages.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Alphonse N. van Daell had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Modern Languages, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Alphonse N. van Daell elected.

Graduating exercises; Lyman School.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Lyman School be held on Monday, June 28.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School-houses; window-boards for school-houses. [See page 116.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order relative to window-boards for the school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place window-boards in all the windows of school-rooms where such boards have not already been placed, and that the same be done during the coming vacation.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; storm-

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order relative to outside storm-

windows for school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Windows on school-houses. [See page 116.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to substitute, so far as may be practicable, movable double windows for whole sash outside windows on school-houses.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable sanitary accommodations in the new building of the Bennett School.

Sanitary accommodations; Bennett School.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, who were requested — June 8 — to report, at the next meeting of the Board, boundary-lines for the Comins and Martin School Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; boundary lines for Comins and Martin School Districts. [See page 116.]

Ordered, That the boundary-lines of the Comins and Martin School Districts be hereafter as follows: —

Comins District for Boys. — Beginning at the junction of Ruggles and Parker streets; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker to Ward street; thence by the centre of Ward to Phillips street; thence by the centre of Phillips to Tremont street; thence by rear of the southerly side of Tremont to Parker street; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker to Heath street; thence across Parker and by rear of the northerly side of New Heath to Pynchon street; thence by rear of the westerly side of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence through the centre of Pynchon and Tremont streets to Prentiss street; thence by rear of the southerly side of Prentiss street to the Boston and Providence railroad; thence by said railroad to Ruggles street; thence by the centre of Ruggles street to the point of beginning.

Comins District for Girls. — Beginning at the junction of Ruggles and Parker streets; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker to Smith street; thence by the centre of Smith to Phillips street; thence by the centre of Phillips to Tremont street; thence by rear of the southerly side of Tremont to Parker street; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker to Heath street; thence across Parker and by rear of the northerly side of New Heath to Pynchon street;

thence by rear of the westerly side of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence by the centre of Cedar to Centre street; thence by rear of the north-westerly side of Centre to Gardner street; thence by centres of Gardner, Elmwood, Clay, and Tremont streets to Ruggles street; thence by the centre of Ruggles street to the point of beginning.

Martin District for Boys. — Beginning at the junction of Ruggles and Parker streets; thence by rear of westerly side of Parker street to the Boston and Albany railroad; thence by said railroad to the Brookline line; thence along said line to Heath street; thence by rear of northerly side of Heath to Parker street; thence by rear of westerly side of Parker to Tremont street; thence by rear of southerly side of Tremont to Phillips street; thence by the centre of Phillips to Ward street; thence by the centre of Ward to Parker street; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker street to the point of beginning.

Martin District for Girls. — Beginning at the junction of Ruggles and Parker streets; thence by rear of westerly side of Parker street to the Boston and Albany railroad; thence by said railroad to the Brookline line; thence along said line to Heath street; thence by rear of northerly side of Heath to Parker street; thence by rear of westerly side of Parker to Tremont street; thence by rear of southerly side of Tremont to Phillips street; thence by the centre of Phillips to Smith street; thence by the centre of Smith to Parker street; thence by rear of the westerly side of Parker street to the point of beginning.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Edition of report of Instructor in Hygiene.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the report of the Instructor in Hygiene be printed.

Report of Committee on Truant-Officers; complaint and conviction of Daniel Reagan as an habitual truant. [See page 95.]

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, who were instructed — May 11 — to examine and report the circumstances attending the complaint and conviction for habitual truancy of a pupil in the Sherwin School, and whether the provisions of Section 368 of the Regulations were complied with by the truant-officer making the complaint, reported that, after a careful consideration of the matter, they are of the opinion that the truant-

officer did not exercise that discretion and prudence which one in his position should exercise; that in the management of the case referred to he displayed a lack of good judgment; that he violated Section 368 of the Regulations, and proceeded in a manner to deserve the censure of the Board. The committee are aware of no former complaint of this officer (who is one of the oldest on the truant-force) in the performance of his work, and believe that this public reproof will be sufficient warning to insure a more careful performance of his work in the future.

Mr. Roeth, a member of the committee, dissents from the foregoing report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on the afternoon of Saturday, July 3.

Date of Annual School Festival.

The chair presented the report of the Superintendent of Schools on the order referred to the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors, March 23, relative to the methods and efficiency of the instruction in music in the public schools.

Report of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors on instruction in music in the public schools. [See page 63.]

The reading of the report being called for, the Superintendent, at the request of the Chair, read the report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That the recommendations of the Superintendent and Board of Supervisors, in their report of this evening, on the instruction in music in the public schools, be referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Recommendation of Superintendent and Supervisors on instruction in music.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and

Reëlection of special instructors in music.

Music, reported for reëlection for the remainder of the present school year the following-named special instructors in music, to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

High Schools. — Julius Eichberg.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, J. M. Mason, and Henry G. Carey.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Primary school-building in Bunker Hill District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish a four-room building in the Bunker Hill District, for Primary-School pupils, in place of the present poor accommodations in that portion of the district called Charlestown Neck.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Walker the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 14, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present, all the members except Messrs. Darling, Davis, Eliot, Elliott, Roeth, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Allston District. — Persis B. Swett, first assistant; Laura E. Viles, second assistant; Annie M. Dupee, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Everett District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, second assistant, Sept. 6, 1886.

Hancock District. — Sarah F. Ellis, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Harris District. — Elizabeth P. Boynton, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Mather District. — Carrie E. Morse, second assistant, Primary Department, Sept. 1, 1886; Ada K. Richards, fourth assistant, Sept. 6, 1886.

Prescott District. — Alonzo Meserve, sub-master, Sept. 6, 1886.

Warren District. — Josephine E. Copeland, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Wells District. — Mary S. Carter, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, third assistant; Alice M. Barton, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Gibson District. — Lucina Dunbar, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Harvard District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886; Elizabeth C. Bredeen, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6 to 9, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Richards, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Hancock District. — Katharine E. Gillespie, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Harris District. — Cora I. Young, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Hillside District. — Mary Bradley, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Mather District. — Ada K. Richards, second assistant, Primary Department; Mary E. Bradley, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Minot District. — E. Gertrude Cushing, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Warren District. — Fannie L. Osgood, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Alice H. Luce, assistant.

Charlestown High School. — Mary C. C. Goddard, assistant.

English High School. — Melvin J. Hill, junior-master.

Roxbury High School. — Clara Bancroft, assistant.

Allston District. — Ella L. Bird, third assistant; Ella L. Chittenden, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant.

Dearborn District. — Sarah S. Burrell, fourth assistant.

Hyde District. — Isabel G. Winslow, third assistant.

Mather District. — Ada K. Richards, fourth assistant.

Minot District. — Annie H. Gardner, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — John R. Morse, sub-master; Elizabeth B. Walton, first assistant.

Stoughton District. — Minnie E. Gaskins, third assistant.

Warren District. — Agnes G. Harrington, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Helen L. Hilton and Caroline Merrill, third assistants.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Brimmer District. — William H. Martin, sub-master, to the same position in the Comins District, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Day-school teachers to teach in evening schools.

Ordered, That the male teachers of the day schools be allowed to teach in the evening schools during the term of 1886–87.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Election of principals of Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1886–87; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 27, 1886: —

Anderson-street School. — John R. Morse.
Bigelow School. — George Oak.
Dearborn School. — Wm. H. Brown.
Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell.
Franklin School. — Henry L. Sawyer.
Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham.
Lyman School. — Henry B. Hall.
Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.
Warren School. — George G. Pratt.
Warrenton-street School. — Eber R. Butler.
Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey.

Accepted.

Ballot for principals of Evening Elementary Schools.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the Evening Elementary Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Dunn, and Chapin, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

The several principals, as nominated by the committee, had each 16 votes, and were accordingly declared elected as principals of the designated Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nominations of the following-named instructors of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1886–87: —

Election of Instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Frank H. Collins, George H. Young.

Assistants. — Annie E. Blake, Emma W. Bragdon, Wallace Bryant, Henry K. Burrison, John L. Frisbee, M. Louise Field, Emma Todd, Frank S. Mason, Thomas E. Sweeney, Emma W. Kaan.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the lists of authorized text and reference books and supplementary reading-books be printed.

Lists of authorized text and reference books to be printed.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Girls' High School. — Clara E. Webster, assistant, until April 1, 1887; Emma W. Kaan, substitute.

Clara E. Webster.

Allston District. — Alice A. Swett, third assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Elizabeth C. Muldoon, substitute.

Alice A. Swett.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Porter, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Ruth C. Mills, substitute.

Emma F. Porter.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Buffum, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887.

Mary E. Buffum.

Belle P. Winslow.

George Putnam District. — Belle P. Winslow, first assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886.

Alice B. Stephenson.

Hillside District. — Alice B. Stephenson, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Anna S. Cameron, substitute.

Phebe H. Simpson.

Lewis District. — Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Anna F. Bayley, substitute.

Harriet J. Folsom.

Harriet J. Folsom, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1886; Mary A. H. Fuller, substitute.

E. Josephine Page.

Lowell District. — E. Josephine Page, second assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Annie F. Sears, substitute.

Mary J. Capen.

Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Clara I. Stevens, substitute.

Hosea H. Lincoln.

Lyman District. — Hosea H. Lincoln, master, until Jan. 1, 1887; Mr. Lincoln to furnish such assistance as shall be needed to fill his position in his absence.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, second assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Sarah M. Taylor, substitute.

Lillie A. Hicks.

Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; M. Ella Tuttle, substitute.

Lydia E. Hapenny.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Effie K. Worcester, substitute.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Election of Arthur H. Solial.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ Arthur H. Solial as teacher in the English High School, with the rank and pay of junior-master.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Removal of trees near Old Dorchester

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove some of the trees which are

near the Old Dorchester High-School building, on Gibson street, Dorchester. High School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish, on the requisition of the Director of Drawing, such drawing-books as may be needed by classes, or portions of classes, out of the usual course of study. Furnishing of drawing-books to schools.

Mr. Murphy presented a petition, signed by Andrew J. Ward, Treasurer of the N. Ward Company, and twenty-seven others, owners and residents of Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor, praying that the Board appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) to maintain the school on that island for the ensuing year. Petition of owners and residents of Spectacle Island for appropriation for maintaining school on said island.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair presented the following: —

Petition of Goodwillie Fire-Escape and Alarm Association to place fire-escape on school-houses.

BOSTON, Aug. 20, 1886.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston: —

The undersigned respectfully ask for the privilege of placing one or more of their fire-escapes on such school-house as the School Committee are pleased to designate. As the importance of a fire-escape, which will be ornate in appearance, and, we trust, acceptable to the committee by practical use, is apparent, the school-house situated on Tremont street, between Boylston and Pleasant streets, is respectfully suggested as being centrally located, or, if the committee so request, it may be applied to one of the new school-houses, now in process of erection.

If the apparatus proves to be entirely satisfactory we hope that further application of the escape will receive consideration.

Respectfully,

GOODWILLIE FIRE-ESCAPE & ALARM ASSO'N.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair presented the following : —

Petition of F. W. Lister relative to instruction in military drill and calisthenics.

6 North Harvard st., Allston,
Sept. 13, 1886.

To the School Board of Boston : —

An opinion seems to be gaining strength in the public mind that something more than military drill as now taught in the schools of our city is needed for the physical development of our youth.

The experience of four and a half years' service during the war of the rebellion as field and general officer, the greater part of that time in command of regiments ; much subsequent practice in drilling in modern tactics and in the use of the musket, small and broadsword, and sabre, added to seven years' superintendence of the gymnasium at Harvard University, have enabled me to prepare a system of military drill combined with gymnastics which will, I think, satisfy the advocates of both.

I would respectfully ask for an opportunity of explaining my plan to your Board, accompanied by practical illustrations.

No increase of the time at present devoted to drill would be required, and with a due regard to the present economical administration of the city funds the expense would be considerably less than that now incurred by drill alone. I have devised a system of calisthenics, or free gymnastics, with or without light dumb-bells, for the female pupils, who need exercise more than the boys, but never obtain any which is calculated to improve their carriage and counteract the effect of the injurious positions usually assumed during study.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
F. W. LISTER,
Bvt. Brig.-Gen. U.S. Vols.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Amendment to Regulations proposed: beginning of school in September.

Mr. Fallon offered the following : —

Ordered, That Section 205 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the word "first," in the tenth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "second."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Normal School, it was

Ordered, That six hundred additional copies of the catalogue of the Normal School be printed. Additional copies of catalogue.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be and they hereby are requested to provide and establish a school for truants and absentees from school in the city of Boston, in accordance with Chapter 282 of the Laws of 1886. Establishment of Truant School in accordance with recent law.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 22— an order concerning the salary of John R. Morse, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of John R. Morse.

Ordered, That John R. Morse, sub-master in the Sherwin School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hall offered the following: —

Ordered, That A. H. Mayer be appointed, on probation, second assistant in the Adams School; date of appointment to be Sept. 6, 1886. Nomination of A. H. Mayer.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Hall offered the following: —

Ordered, That Caroline E. Nutter be appointed, on probation, to the ungraded school at Orient Heights; date of appointment to be Sept. 6, 1886. Nomination of Caroline E. Nutter.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Gallagher presented the following: —

The members of this Board, learning with sincere regret of the sudden death of one who was so lately associated with most of us as an honored member of this Board, and desiring to extend upon our records an expression of our appreciation of his valuable services to the city of Boston and its schools during a period of four- Resolutions on death of Charles C. Perkins.

teen years, unite in this simple tribute to the memory of our late friend and associate, — Mr. CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Especially fitted by nature and education for the work of promoting and advancing the study of Drawing and Music, he entered zealously into the work of those departments, and established them so firmly and so well in our schools that little has been left for his successors but to appreciate his work and continue to carry out his ideas. As a member of the School Board, and in committee work, his earnest and faithful service, his untiring devotion to the schools, his kindly presence in familiar and official intercourse, won for him the high esteem and gratitude of all; and the people of Boston, in common with this Board, have cause to mourn the loss of a conscientious and valued official, while those who were personally associated with him will ever cherish him in their memories as a kind and generous-hearted friend.

We extend to the bereaved family of our late friend and associate our expressions of sincere sympathy in their great affliction.

We recommend that these expressions of our remembrance and esteem be entered upon the records of this Board, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

Adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 28, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Davis, Dunn, Eliot, Elliott, Fallon, Hall, and Lasker.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Charlestown High School. — Ella F. Brown, assistant, Sept. 1, 1886. Resignation of teachers.

Andrew District. — Esther F. Nichols, second assistant, Sept. 12, 1886.

Dillaway District. — Olive M. E. Rowe, second assistant, Catherine J. Finneran, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Dwight District. — Della G. Robinson, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Everett District. — Susan S. Foster, third assistant, Sept. 6, 1886.

Gibson District. — Mary B. Winchell, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Hyde District. — Harriet A. Lewis, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Very, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Mather District. — Mary E. Upham, third assistant, Sept. 20, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Merritt, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — Francis De M. Dunn, junior-master, from Sept. 8, 1886.

Roxbury High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, from Sept. 17, 1886.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Annie G. Ellis, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Lawrence District. — Elinor F. Buckley, fourth assistant, from Nov. 2 to 6, 1885, inclusive.

Lewis District. — Katie M. Groll, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Lowell District. — Ida F. Taylor, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Mather District. — Maria F. Upton, third assistant, from Sept. 20, 1886.

Prescott District. — William H. Brown, sub-master, from Sept. 15, 1886; M. Louise Foster, first assistant, from Sept. 6 to 14, 1886, inclusive.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Graham, fourth assistant, from Sept. 15, 1886.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

English High School. — Arthur H. Solial, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Charlestown High School. — Mary E. Upham, assistant, from Sept. 20, 1886.

Dorchester High School. — Josiah P. Ryder, assistant, from Sept. 27, 1886.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, from Sept. 20, 1886.

Roxbury High School. — Dora Williams, assistant, from Sept. 27, 1886.

Adams District. — Alanson H. Mayers, second assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Charles Sumner District. — Caroline M. Bayley, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Dillaway District. — Catherine J. Finneran, second assistant; Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, third year; from Oct. 1, 1886.

Emerson District. — Caroline E. Nutter, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Everett District. — Susan S. Foster, second assistant; Mary H. Gibbons, third assistant; from Sept. 6, 1886.

Harvard District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886; Abby M. Thompson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 14, 1886.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Very, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Mather District. — Della G. Robinson, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant.

Girls' High School. — Parnell S. Murray, assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — Alma S. Brigham, assistant.

Bennett District. — Belle K. Sanger, fourth assistant.

Bigelow District. — Sabina G. Sweeney, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Delia L. Viles, fourth assistant.

Everett District. — Cora F. Plummer, fourth assistant.

Gaston District. — Annie E. Hills, second assistant; Mary E. Dee, fourth assistant.

Lawrence District. — Mary E. McMann, third assistant.

Norcross District. — Caroline Bernhard, third assistant; Julia S. Dolan, fourth assistant.

Prescott District. — Elizabeth J. Doherty, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Everett District. — Miriam Sterne and Cora F. Plummer, fourth assistants, to the same positions in the Dwight District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1886.

Franklin District. — Carrie G. White, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Dwight District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Amoritta E. Esilman, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1886.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, second assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High School. — Isaac F. Paul, temporary principal; Thomas J. Barry, clerk; from Sept. 27, 1886. Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nomination of a principal of an Evening Elementary School, to date from Sept. 27, 1886.

Comins School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Comins Evening School. Ballot for principal of Comins Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Blake, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The Committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 14; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Augustine L. Rafter had 14 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Comins Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Nov. 1, 1886, be granted to Dr. John B. Moran, Instructor in Hygiene, on account of ill health. Leave of absence to Dr. John B. Moran.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

M. Medora Adams, substitute.

Girls' High School. — M. Medora Adams, substitute for Clara E. Webster, assistant, granted leave of absence until April 1, 1887.

Estelle B. Jenkins.

Andrew District. — Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1886; Caroline M. Walsh, substitute.

Sarah E. Brown.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah E. Brown, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Emma F. Cogan, substitute.

Eliza Brown.

Dillaway District. — Eliza Brown, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Elizabeth M. Blackburn, substitute.

Mary H. Dwyer, Annie Britt.

Gaston District. — Mary H. Dwyer, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1886. Annie Britt, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1886; S. Josephine Lavery, substitute.

I. E. Bailey, substitute.

George Putnam District. — Mrs. I. E. Bailey, substitute for Belle P. Winslow, first assistant, granted eave of absence until Nov. 1. 1886.

Annie W. Seaverns.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1886; Fannie E. Merriam, substitute.

Mary J. Fennelly. Susan H. Thaxter.

Norcross District. — Mary J. Fennelly, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887. Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Mary E. O'Leary, substitute.

Amendment to Regulations, Evening High School, proposed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 341. Strike out the word "seven" in the thirteenth line, and insert in place thereof the word "three."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Election of a teacher of Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of the following-named instructor of Evening Drawing Schools for the term of 1886–87.

Assistant. — Florence Coffin.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars per night, to date from Sept. 27, 1886; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Wentworth & Hill's Exercises in Algebra be authorized for use in the Latin and High Schools. Said book is not intended and does not in fact displace any text-book now in use, but is intended merely to furnish additional problems in Algebra.

Wentworth & Hill's Exercises in Algebra.

The Chair stated that an order similar to the one presented was submitted to the Board by the Committee on Text-Books in June last. At that time the Chair ruled that in his opinion it would require the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Board (16 votes) to pass the order. As the Chair interpreted the statute its intention was to secure the greatest conservatism in changing text-books, and to secure the parents of pupils against expense occasioned by frequent changes in books. The order as originally offered, implied that the book was to be authorized as a regular text-book, and the Chair was of the opinion that it must displace, in part at least, the authorized text-book in that study. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel, given in 1883, is as follows: "I think the terms of the proposed order should be so plain as to leave no room for construction. If the

Opinion of Chair.

intention of the mover be to *substitute* a new book for one now in use, the order should so state; and such an order would require for its passage a vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee. But if the intention be merely to add a new book to the list, for use in cases where no substitution would be required, as, for example, in the case of incoming classes, the order should clearly express this intention, and such an order might be passed by an ordinary vote."

The order, as originally offered, included no statement that the book named was or was not to displace the authorized book; but the order now presented clearly states that the book named "is not intended and does not, in fact, displace any text-book now in use, but is intended merely to furnish additional problems in Algebra." The Chair therefore considers the present order essentially different from the order previously offered, and, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, rules that a majority vote is necessary to pass the order.

The order passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Additional Grammar School accommodations at Ashmont Station.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for Grammar School pupils at or near Ashmont Station.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Death of Samuel McIntosh.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, reported the death of Mr. Samuel McIntosh, one of the oldest members of the truant force.

Placed on file.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Amendment of Regulations:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 344. Insert, after the words "Plane Geometry" in the fifth line, the words "Physiology and Hygiene." Physiology and Hygiene.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the courses of study of the Latin and High Schools be printed. Courses of study Latin and High Schools to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Hannah A. Smith, deceased, late a third assistant in the Lewis School, be paid to her brother, Samuel C. Smith. Payment of salary due Hannah A. Smith.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Kate W. Sparhawk, for services as an instructor in the public schools of the city, be paid to her father, David H. Sparhawk. Payment of salary due Kate A. Sparhawk.

Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, presented the following statement: — Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Sept. 28, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being six months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886-87.	October Draft.	Expenditures, 6 months, 1886-87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$96,153 84	$581,805 25	$618,194 75
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	4,775 01	28,836 67	30,163 33
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	225,000 00	7,218 10	43,589 36	93,016 59
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		5,068 45	40,615 19	
School Ex. Supplies, Manual Training, and other expenses.		6,368 97	47,778 86	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$119,584 37	$742,625 33	$741,374 67

The expenses for the corresponding six months of last year were as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors	$571,120 93
Salaries of Officers	29,460 00
School Expenses: —	
Salaries of Janitors	41,728 64
Fuel, Gas, and Water	42,006 41
Supplies, Manual Training, and other expenses .	60,478 74
A total expenditure of	$744,794 72

The expenditures for the past six months as compared with the corresponding time last year show a decrease of $2,169.39.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Darling the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 12, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, Darling, Elliott, Flint, Hall, Porter, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Allston District. — Marion Keith, third assistant, Sept. 6, 1886.

Andrew District. — Mary E. Perkins, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Brimmer District. — H. Ellen Boothby, fourth assistant, Sept. 9, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — Henrietta A. Hill, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1886.

Gaston District. — Electa M. Porter, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Martin District. — Edward W. Schuerch, first assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mabel Drake, fourth assisttant, Oct. 15, 1886.

Winthrop District. — Elizabeth S. Emmons, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1886; Rebecca A. Buckley, fourth assistant, Sept. 7, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Bennett District. — Leslie D. Hooper, from Sept. 23, 1886.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Gibson District. — Elinor F. Decatur, from Sept. 21, 1886.

Lewis District. — Frances Zirngiebel, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Brimmer District. — Robert Bickford, sub-master, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — M. Louise Foster, third assistant, from Sept. 15, 1886.

Dwight District. — Georgie F. Blake, third assistant, from Oct. 1 to 8, 1886, inclusive.

Gaston District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, from Oct. 14, 1886.

Lowell District. — Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Shurtleff District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 30, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Allston District. — Alexander Pearson, first assistant; Marion Keith, second assistant; Annie E. Ban-

croft, third assistant; Gertrude R. Clark, fourth assistant; from Sept. 6, 1886.

Andrew District. — Mary E. Perkins, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Brimmer District. — Elizabeth G. Cahill, fourth assistant, from Sept. 9, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — Henrietta A. Hill, second assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886; Mary W. Currier, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant, from Oct. 11, 1886.

Gibson District. — Florence M. DeMerritt, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Lewis District. — Katie M. Groll, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Lowell District. — Annie F. Sears, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886; Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Martin District. — Edward W. Schuerch, sub-master, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Prescott District. — Seth Sears, sub-master, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Graham, fourth assistant, from Sept. 15, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Normal School. — Katharine H. Shute, second assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, fourth assistant.

Dearborn District. — Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Mary V. Cunningham, M. Persis Taylor, Margaret E. Dacey, third assistants.

Hyde District. — Mary E. Parsons, first assistant.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, second assistant, Primary Department.

Mather District. — Ina F. Cook, Elizabeth C. White, fourth assistants.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mabel Drake, fourth assistant.

Sherwin District. — Mary E. T. Healy, third assistant; Oria J. Perry, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Quincy District. — Priscilla Johnson, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Winthrop District, the transfer to date from Sept. 10, 1886.

Shurtleff District. — Ella R. Johnson, second assistant, Primary Department, to the same position in the Gaston District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, reported the following nomination for reëlection: —

Reëlection of a teacher.

Comins District. — Martha A. Cummings, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1886, on the maximum salary of her grade.

Accepted, under a suspension of the rules.

Election of principal, Allston Evening School.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of a principal of an Evening Elementary School, the term of service to date from Oct. 11, 1886: —

Allston School, — G. W. M. Hall.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Allston Evening Elementary School. Ballot for principal of Allston Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Dunn, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 14; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. G. W. M. Hall had 14 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. G. W. M. Hall elected.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools for the term of 1886–87: — Election of instructors of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Thomas W. Proctor, Manson Seavy, Charles E. Stetson, Thomas Dean, Arthur B. Morong, William H. Moriarty, Albert Poor, James W. Webster, from Sept. 27, 1886; Frank M. Copeland, Edward A. Wilkie, Luther W. Anderson, Herbert L. Smith, from Oct. 11, 1886; *Teachers of French*, — Arthur H. Solial, Carl Jonsen, from Sept. 27, 1886; *Teacher of German*, — John F. Stein, from Oct. 7, 1886; *Teacher of Phonography*, — Thomas E. Major, from Oct. 11, 1886; *Teachers of Penmanship*, — Henry C. Kendall, Charles A. French, Franklin C. Irving, from Oct. 11, 1886.

Anderson-street School. — Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, from Sept. 27, 1886.

Bigelow School. — Frank M. Copeland, from Sept. 27, 1886; Grace L. Tucker, Elinor F. Buckley, Mary Currie, Winifred M. Clarkson, from Sept. 28, 1886; Volney Skinner, William H. Taylor, Catherine E. McDonald, Isabella J. Murray, Caroline M. Walsh, Mary F. O'Brien, Mary A. Tenney, from Sept. 29, 1886.

Comins School. — F. W. Elliott, Moses Berger,

Sylvia A. Richards, Ellen F. A. Hagerty, from Sept. 27, 1886; Mary A. Brennan, Ellen M. Farrell, Rose E. Conaty, Marian A. McIntyre, from Sept. 29, 1886; Joseph C. Hagar, from Sept. 30, 1886.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson, Emil C. Pfeiffer, Emma L. Merrill, Elizabeth E. Backup, from Sept. 27, 1886; Blanche L. Ormsby, Kate M. Murphy, from Sept. 29, 1886; Carrie A. Teele, from Oct. 4, 1886.

Eliot School. — Daniel J. Mullen, Margaret Coyle, Agnes C. Moore, Clarence L. Judkins, Kate A. Sullivan, from Sept. 27, 1886; M. Elizabeth McGinley, Mary L. Lewis, from Oct. 5, 1886; Matilda J. Kennemon, from Oct. 6, 1886.

Franklin School. — Clarence P. Coburn, Frances V. Keyes, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Annabel Stetson, from Sept. 27, 1886; Fanny L. Rogers, Maria H. Lathrop, Mary E. O'Brien, from Sept. 30, 1886; Ervinia Thompson, from Oct. 4, 1886; Marguerite J. Flynn, from Oct. 5, 1886.

Lincoln School. — George S. Houghton, Nellie S. Henry, S. Louella Sweeney, from Sept. 27, 1886; Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, from Oct. 5, 1886.

Lyman School. — G. W. H. Libby, John L. Bates, from Sept. 27, 1886; M. A. D. Maclean, William S. Murphy, Delavan C. Delano, S. Frances Carbee, Nellie M. Porter, from Sept. 29, 1886; Jessie C. Fraser, from Oct. 7, 1886.

Quincy School. — L. Roger Wentworth, John O'Driscoll, M. Ella Wilbor, Mary P. Howland, from Sept. 27, 1886; Ellen L. Kelley, from Sept. 29, 1886.

Warren School. — Benson B. Banker, Lucy M. Bosworth, Anna G. Wells, Mary A. Mahan, Emma S. Fisk, from Sept. 27, 1886; Mary E. Graham, Catherine J. Cunningham, Katharine A. McMahon, Caroline

J. Duff, from Sept. 29, 1886; Genevieve Roach, from Sept. 30, 1886; Katharine A. Sweeney, from Oct. 7, 1886.

Warrenton-street School. — John L. Emmons, from Sept. 27, 1886.

Wells School. — Alanson H. Mayers, Ernest W. Branch, Mary W. Perry, from Sept. 27, 1886; Nellie M. Leavitt, Sarah N. Macomber, Ida A. Merriam, from Sept. 29, 1886; Katharine A. Burns, from Oct. 4, 1886.

The rules were suspended, the report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to change the gas-piping and lights in the Roxbury Evening Drawing School, to conform with the suggestions of the Instructor in Hygiene and the Director of Drawing. Gas-piping and lights in Roxbury Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Emma W. Kaan, an assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools. Resignation of Emma W. Kaan.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of assistants of Evening Drawing Schools: — Election of instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

William L. Skinner, Edward R. Kingsbury, Alice M. Spaulding, Florence Cleaves.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the use of the halls of the Latin and English High School building be granted to the Masters' Association for services commemorative of the late Use of halls of Latin and English High School building to Masters' Association.

Dr. John D. Philbrick, on such day as they may select.

Annual report of Committee on Sewing.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, submitted the following: —

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, the Committee on Sewing respectfully present their annual report: —

No department of instruction in our schools is more satisfactory than this. Its practical utility is so evident, and the results are so plainly seen, that while new subjects are calling for attention, and some not wholly new for fuller development, this branch of training continues undisturbed, without question or discussion.

The corps of sewing teachers numbers twenty-eight, mostly skilled and able instructors. No new members have been added; but, with the growth of the schools, new divisions have been apportioned to various teachers, more fully filling their time, and thus increasing their efficiency. An attractive feature of the work in some of the classes has been the connection of *drawing* with the *sewing*, in the application of original designs to needle-work, both useful and ornamental.

It is hoped that the visiting days and exhibitions of sewing will be more largely attended by parents and friends for the acquisition of an art acknowledged indispensable in every household deserves the continued interest of all, that a proportionate impulse may be given to its further promotion.

EMILY A. FIFIELD, *Chairman.*

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

W. Bertha Hintz.

Normal School. — W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher, for the month of October, without pay.

Ellen James.

Adams District. — Ellen James, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Emily H. Sanderson, substitute.

M. Rosalia Merrill.

Dor.-Everett District. — M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant, until Feb. 1, 1887; Mary H. Reid, substitute.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, third assist-

ant, until March 1, 1887; Mary Ella Tuttle, subtsitute.

Winthrop District.— Carrie Merrill, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Mary A. Reardon, substitute. Carrie Merrill.

Mr Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of Annie M. Reilly, late fourth assistant in the Quincy District. Death of Annie M. Reilly.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Annie M. Reilly, deceased, late a fourth assistant in the Quincy District, be paid to her brother, Edward F. Reilly. Payment of salary due Annie M. Reilly.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the East-street Primary School-house be surrendered to the City Council. East-st. Primary School-house surrendered to City Council.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land on the southerly side of the Blossom-street Primary School yard; it being the opinion of the committee that this purchase is very desirable, in order to prevent interference with the light and air needed for the school. Enlargement of yard of Blossom street School-house.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School-house in the Adams District. New Primary School-house, Adams District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Build- Removal of trees in front of

Dillaway School-house.

ings be requested to remove two trees in front of Dillaway School-house.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Plank sidewalk on Minot street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place a plank sidewalk on Minot street, Dorchester.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Accounts; petition of Masters' Association concerning the removal of snow from school-yards. [See p. 23.]

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Feb. 9, 1886 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing for the consideration of the School Board a communication from the Masters' Association of the Boston Public Schools, together with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel concerning the removal of snow from school yards, —submitted the following report: —

To obtain information on the subject, a circular under date of March 1, 1886, was sent to the principals of High Schools and Grammar School Districts, and replies were received regarding one hundred and sixty-three yards. Of this number as to sixty-nine yards (more than two-fifths) it was reported by the principals that no additional work would be required; in forty-nine yards it would be necessary to clear only a portion of the yard; and in the remaining forty-five yards it would be desirable to remove a portion, if not the whole, of the snow. For the past ten years, prior to which time the Superintendent of Health had charge of the matter, the snow has not been removed to any great extent, the janitors being required only to clear paths to the entrance doors and out-buildings, although in some few cases, where it was requested by the principals, extra expense has been incurred in clearing portions of some of the yards. The City Council has so reduced the school appropriation for the present year, that it is a

question whether there will be sufficient funds to meet the ordinary expenses of the schools; and your committee are of the opinion that, although it would be most desirable to have the clearing of the yards from snow properly attended to, about three-fourths of the schools will suffer no special inconvenience if no further expense is incurred.

Concerning the remaining yards your committee will make the best arrangements possible for the present year, under existing conditions. It is recommended that sufficient money be requested, in the estimates made for the coming year, to cover the expense of doing this work in a proper manner; and to carry this recommendation into effect your committee respectfully submit the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to include, in their estimates for the coming school year, a sufficient sum of money to remove the snow wholly, or in part, from such school-house yards as may be deemed necessary for the convenience of the pupils.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; petition concerning school on Spectacle Island. [See p. 139.]

Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 14, 1886 — a petition signed by the N. Ward Company and twenty-six others, asking that the city appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars to maintain a school on Spectacle Island for the ensuing year, reported that they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that it would be economy for the city to expend the sum requested rather than to establish a school there.

The number of pupils on Spectacle Island to be educated is about twenty, the average number attending school being about fifteen.

Your committee would recommend, that, owing to the limited appropriation, the arrangement now existing for the support of the school — viz., that a compensation at the rate of 1.81\frac{7}{10}$ per pupil, per month, for the average number of pupils attending, be granted to the teacher of the school — be continued until Feb. 1, 1887; and that a new contract be made for one year from that date, the city agreeing to pay the instructor of the school the sum of four hundred dollars, said sum being in full for all expenses connected with the school excepting the expense for books. To carry out these views your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the instructor of the school on Spectacle Island receive a compensation of four hundred dollars, payable quarterly, said sum being in full for all expenses connected with the school, excepting for books, from Feb. 1, 1887, to Feb. 1, 1888, upon proper vouchers being furnished to the effect that the school was open for instruction such days during said year as are required by the Regulations.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; additional Grammar-School accommodations at Ashmont Station. [See p. 150.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 28, 1886 — an order for additional Grammar-School accommodations at or near Ashmont Station, reported that they have considered the subject, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect, as early as possible, an additional room to the Bailey-street School-house, or secure a suitable room in that locality which will accommodate the large number of children now unable to attend school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Eliot offered the following: —

Resolutions on death of Lucretia Crocker.

The death of Miss Crocker is regarded by the School Committee as a severe loss to our schools and all connected with them. A supervisor from the very institution of the office, she has served for ten and a half active years. The best of herself, morally and intellectually, has been freely given to her duties, and her success in fulfilling them is all but universally and cordially acknowledged. Her work is done, and yet it is not over. It will go on for many a year to come, as she is remembered by those associated with her on this Board and in the Board of Supervisors, and yet more deeply and tenderly by the teachers and pupils among whom she has gone in and out as a welcome counsellor and friend. She has set a noble example as a supervisor, and its influence can never wholly pass away.

Adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, it was

Ordered, That the above resolution be entered in full upon the records, and a copy sent to the family of which the deceased was a member.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 26, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Dunn, Elliott, Porter, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Adams District. — Alanson H. Mayers, second assistant, Oct. 18, 1886. Resignation of teachers.

Comins District. — Sarah E. Lovell, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Adams District. — Sarah N. Macomber, from Sept. 13, 1886. Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Allston District. — Mary L. Allen, from Oct. 14, 1886; Mary A. Brennan, Mary E. Thompson, from Oct. 15, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — Lucy G. Flusk, from Sept. 15, 1886.

Hancock District. — Matilda J. Kennemon, from Oct. 4, 1886.

Harris District. — Anna E. Lanning, from Oct. 11, 1886.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, from Oct. 25, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Charles H. Wilson, second assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Dillaway District. — Mabel C. Friend, third assistant, from Sept. 18, 1886.

Eliot District. — Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant, from Oct. 25, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake, fourth assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Comins District. — Sarah E. Lovell, first assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Gibson District. — Lucina Dunbar, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Lincoln District. — L. Idalia Provan, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Martin District. — Alanson H. Mayers, first assistant; Anna F. Bayley, third assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Richards, fourth assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, second assistant, Primary Department, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Jennie A. Mayer, fourth assistant.

George Putnam District. — Margaret Holmes, second assistant; Maria F. Bray, third assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High School. — Assistants: Franklin E. Brooks, from Oct. 13, 1886; Maurice P. White, from Oct. 15, 1886. *Teacher of Penmanship.* — Arthur T. Whittemore, from Oct. 11, 1886. Election of teachers of evening schools.

Allston School. — Assistants: Alexander Pearson, from Oct. 11, 1886; Mary E. Thompson, Elizabeth C. Muldoon, from Oct. 12, 1886.

Eliot School. — Sidney E. Bailey, assistant, from Oct. 19, 1886.

Franklin School. — James Burrier, assistant, from Oct. 13, 1886.

Quincy School. — Ruphine A. Morris, assistant, from Sept. 30, 1886.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nomination for principal of the Evening High School: Isaac F. Paul, head-master, to date from Sept. 27, 1886. Election of principal of Evening High School.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Evening High School. Ballot for principal of Evening High School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Murphy, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Isaac F. Paul had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Isaac F. Paul elected.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, presented the following report: — Report of Committee on Evening Schools.

Resolutions on services of Mr. E. C. Carrigan.

The Committee on Evening Schools having received from Mr. E. C. Carrigan, for five years head-master of the Evening High School, a communication declining to be a candidate for reëlection, desires to extend upon the records of the School Board an expression of appreciation of the services of Mr. Carrigan in the cause of education, and especially in the department of Evening Schools, during the years he has been connected with them. Coming into the service of the city as principal of the Evening Elementary School, on Blossom street, at a time when the Evening Elementary Schools were in a neglected and unfortunate condition, Mr. Carrigan, by his energy and devotion to his work in this school during two years, gave to the School Board and the Evening School Committee an example of what was possible to be done in evening-school work, and it is no disparagement to the labor of others to say that the impetus given to the success of Evening Elementary Schools and the establishment of them on a substantial basis, was occasioned largely by the work done at the Blossom-street School. The success of that school gave to the Committee on Evening Schools an encouragement that could have been born only of such acknowledged success; and when the School Board was called upon to reinstate the evening schools, after they had voted to abolish the whole system, the zeal and devotion of the then Chairman of the Evening School Committee, stimulated by the work and example of Mr. Carrigan, gave to the School Board a confidence in the schools and in their work that led to the reëstablishment of the system of evening schools. Mr. Carrigan was elected the first head-master of the Evening High School. On the reëstablishment of that school great objection was raised to the occupation of the new building by the evening classes, and protests came from School Associations occupying the building, and others, against such use; and the enemies of the school encouraged such oppositions, and magnified the danger resulting from the proposal to occupy the new building; but your committee take pleasure in calling attention to the fact, that out of several thousand pupils attending the Evening High School during the five years of Mr. Carrigan's principalship every objection, whether serious or frivolous, that was made has been overruled, and the school, under Mr. Carrigan's head-mastership, has won the respect and esteem of everybody, even of its former opponents and enemies.

Endowed with rare gifts for the organization, management, and conduct of a popular evening school, having risen from pupil to principal in the work, Mr. Carrigan has become the recognized leader and exponent of the work of evening schools throughout our Commonwealth; and, largely by his efforts, legislative enactment

has been procured to make certain what but a few years ago was considered of doubtful utility. Your committee may be pardoned for so extensive a presentation of the facts in the case, when they say that the great success attained by evening schools in the State, the establishment of them by law, and the great advance made in their development within the past few years is largely due to the influence exerted by the success attained in the organization, management, and development of the Evening High School of this city, under the head-mastership of Mr. Carrigan, —

Therefore be it

Resolved, That the School Committee of the City of Boston learn with regret of the inability of Mr. Carrigan to devote to the Evening High School those talents and abilities that have made him so prominent in the cause of popular education, and especially in the work of evening schools, and that have contributed so much to the establishment and success of our Evening High School and the Evening Elementary Schools throughout the city.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from F. L. Capen: "Long-prior Predictive Science of the Weather."

BOSTON, Oct. 26, 1886.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston, —

GENTLEMEN AND LADY, — The subscriber, an alumnus and graduate in all the grades of the Boston Public Schools, and largely, if not wholly, indebted to their superior educational advantages for his success in scientific investigation, would respectfully present, for the inspection of your honorable members, at their leisure, the accompanying documents, as evidence, in part, of what he has thus far done. He also further craves leave to say that he will be happy to show, to demonstrate to a committee authorized to give him a hearing, that a class of Normal graduates, instructed in the "Long-prior Predictive Science of the Weather," may, in a brief period, be qualified to compute the weather for all the chief cities of the globe, and send it abroad a month in advance, as evidence of Boston's priority in this universally sought and valued science; with a respectful tender of his services for such instruction.

Most respectfully,

F. L. CAPEN.

Mr. Crowley moved to refer the communication to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Lost.

Mr. Murphy moved to refer the communication to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the communication was placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Petition Committee of Masters' Association for half-holiday on Friday, Nov. 5.

To the School Committee, —

In accordance with a vote of the Masters' Association, we, the undersigned Committee of Arrangements, respectfully petition that the session of the public schools be omitted on the afternoon of Friday, November 5, to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the memorial services in honor of the late Dr. John D. Philbrick, which have been arranged for that day.

LARKIN DUNTON,
C. GOODWIN CLARK,
MOSES MERRILL,
ROBERT SWAN,
G. R. MARBLE.

BOSTON, Oct. 20, 1886.

Mr. Murphy moved that the Primary Schools close at twelve o'clock, and that the other public schools close at one o'clock on Friday, Nov. 5.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Belle P. Winslow.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1887, be granted to Belle P. Winslow, first assistant in the George Putnam District, and that Mrs. I. E. Bailey be appointed as her substitute.

Mrs. I. E. Bailey, substitute.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Ella F. Howland.

Ordered, That Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1886, under the provision of Section 88 of the Rules.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That from Nov. 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887, the hours of the afternoon sessions of the public schools be from a quarter before two to a quarter before four o'clock.

Afternoon sessions of schools, hours of.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report an amendment to the Regulations governing the sessions of the schools during the months of November, December, and January.

Hours of sessions of schools during winter months; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of Albert L. Ware, as assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, to date from Oct. 18, 1886.

Election of teacher of Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That an evening school, for instruction in English to German pupils, be established in the Sherwin School-house.

Evening school for instruction in English to German pupils.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Section 234 of the Regulations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed, and the Committee on Sewing. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Sixth Division your committee report that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Sewing; instruction in sewing in upper classes of Norcross and Shurtleff Schools.

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the three upper classes of the Norcross and Shurtleff Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; insufficient seating capacity of school-rooms.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report: —

Upon the completion and occupancy of the new Minot School-house your committee were called upon to appoint a teacher in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations, on account of the insufficient seating capacity of the school-rooms; the rooms being too small to accommodate the number of pupils assigned by the Regulations to one teacher, viz., 56 pupils. A similar request was made by the committee in charge of the Hyde School (one of the recently erected school-houses), and for the same reason. For the third time a similar request has been presented to your committee, the last by the committee in charge of the Martin School (occupied this month); and the same reason has been urged, — the inadequacy of the school-rooms to accommodate the standard number of pupils to a teacher.

Your committee do not consider it their province to make any criticisms upon the plans and construction of school-houses; but they think it is their duty to present these facts to the Board, in order that proper steps may be taken to prevent the repetition of so serious a defect in the construction of our new school-houses as not providing school-rooms large enough to accommodate the required number of pupils.

In the cases alluded to it has been necessary to elect three teachers in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations. This is not a temporary, but a permanent, increase in the expenses for salaries of teachers.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed not to approve any plans for a school-house where the space assigned to school-rooms is insufficient to accommodate the standard number of pupils to a teacher, under the Regulations.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Removal of tree in front of Roxbury High School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove a tree in front of the Roxbury High School-house.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish a new site and building to meet the present and increasing needs of the pupils of the Roxbury District for High-School accommodations, for which the present High-School building and site are inadequate.

New site and building for Roxbury High School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue a certificate of service of the fourth grade to L. Frances Crane, on account of previous acceptable service as a teacher in the Boston public schools.

Certificate of service to L. Frances Crane.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Annual Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot presented the following: —

Communication from City Architect; additional appropriation needed for erection of Horace Mann School.

ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF BOSTON,
CITY HALL, Oct. 25, 1886.

SAMUEL ELIOT, ESQ., *Chairman Sub-Committee on Horace Mann School*, —

DEAR SIR, — On receiving approximate estimates from various builders I find it will be impossible to erect and finish the Horace Mann School according to the plans approved by the Committee on School-houses for the sum now appropriated by the City Government. An additional sum of $15,000 will be necessary to cover the cost; and it will not be possible to cut down the work in any way to make the cost come within the present appropriation, and yet meet the requirements of the school.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR H. VINAL,
City Architect.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Eliot presented a petition signed by Moses Merrill and two hundred and twenty others, teachers in the pub-

Petition of Moses Merrill and others: to

fill vacant supervisorship by appointment of a woman.

lic schools of Boston, who, feeling strongly the great help they have received in past years from the presence of a woman on the Board of Supervisors, pray the School Committee to fill the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors, occasioned by the death of Miss Lucretia Crocker, by the appointment of a woman.

Referred to Committee on Nominations.

Petition of Martin Brimmer and others: to fill vacant supervisorship by appointment of a woman.

Mr. Davis presented a petition signed by Martin Brimmer and eighty-six others, praying that the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors, occasioned by the death of Miss Lucretia Crocker, be filled by the appointment of a woman, — past experience having shown the value and importance of a woman's service in that position.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

Expediency of filling vacancy in Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations conside, and report to this Board upon the expediency of filling the vacancy now existing in the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Additional school accommodations in Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Bigelow Districts.

Ordered, That the City Council be again requested to furnish additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Bigelow Districts.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Use of room in Grant School for evening reading-room and sewing-classes.

Ordered, That the use of the unoccupied room in the Grant School, Phillips street, be granted to the Sisters of St. Margaret, for an evening reading-room; and for evening sewing-classes for colored women and girls; the same to be without expense to the city.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Oct. 26, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being seven months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886–87.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 7 months, 1886–87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$103,168 44	$684,973 69	$515,026 31
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	4,497 83	33,334 50	25,665 50
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	225,000 00	7,396 40	50,985 76	80,376 76
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		1,818 12	42,433 31	
School Ex. Supplies, Manual Training, and other expenses.		3,425 31	51,204 17	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$120,306 10	$862,931 43	$621,068 57

The expenditures for the past seven months, as compared with the corresponding time last year, show a decrease of $2,003.12.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; bequest of John H. Eastburn.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 11, 1886 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen, stating that the city had received ten thousand dollars from the Trustees under the will of the late John H. Eastburn, of Boston, said sum to be held by the city for the benefit of deserving poor scholars attending the Normal School, and also a copy of the action taken thereon by the City Council, viz., that the School Committee receive the income of said fund, and expend it for the purposes set forth in the

will of the testator, — recommended the acceptance of this trust by the School Board, and a reference of the subject to the Committee on the Normal School. To carry out these views the following orders are respectfully submitted : —

Ordered, That the City Council be notified that the School Committee accept the trust derived from the Eastburn School Fund.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be requested to recommend to the School Board for adoption such rules as, in their opinion, are best adapted for the management of the fund lately acquired from the trustees under the will of the late John H. Eastburn.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 9, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Fallon, Hyde, Roeth, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

English High School. — Arthur H. Solial, junior-master, Oct. 25, 1886. Resignation of teachers.

Roxbury High School. — James A. Beatley, assistant, Nov. 8, 1886.

Bigelow District. — Harriet A. Clapp, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1886.

Brimmer District. — Winella W. Stratton, second assistant, Primary Department, Nov. 1, 1886.

Everett District. — Alfred Hewins, master, Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Franklin District. — Mary A. Riordan, Etta M. Smith, from Oct. 1, 1886. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Quincy District. — Martha A. Lovely, from Oct. 21, 1886.

Norcross District. — Isabella J. Murray, from Oct. 8, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Minna B. Noyes, assistant, from Oct. 11, 1886.

Andrew District. — Catherine E. McDonald, second assistant, from Sept. 13 to Oct. 1, 1886; Catherine E. McDonald, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Brimmer District. — William H. Brown, sub-master, from Oct. 27, 1886.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, fourth assistant, from Oct. 26, 1886.

Dwight District. — Mary E. O'Brien, fourth assistant, from Oct. 14, 1886.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, fourth assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

English High School. — James A. Beatley, junior-master, fourth year, from Nov. 8, 1886.

Brimmer District. — Edith L. Stratton, second assistant, Primary Department, Nov. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant, from Sept. 9, 1886.

Lawrence District. — Annie L. Treanor, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant.

Lawrence District. — Margaret M. Burns, fourth assistant.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Morse, third assistant; Elizabeth T. Gray, fourth assistant.

Martin District. — Eleanor F. Lang, fourth assistant.

Norcross District. — Nellie J. Cashman, second assistant, Primary Department.

Shurtleff District. — Isabel L. Marlowe, fourth assistant.

Winthrop District. — Mary L. H. Gerry, second assistant; Mary G. Harkins, Louise K. Hopkinson, third assistants.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Comins District. — Martha Palmer, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — *Teacher of French*, Henri Morand, from Oct. 26, 1886.

Bigelow School. — True W. White, assistant, from Oct. 15, 1886.

Eliot School. — Genevieve C. Roach, assistant (transferred from Warren Evening School), from Oct. 27, 1886.

Sherwin School. — Assistants: Ellen M. Farrell, from Nov. 1, 1886; Marguerite V. d'Eckstadt, from Nov. 3, 1886.

Wells School. — Angie C. Damon, assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Fifth Division; transfer of Walter S. Parker.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Fifth Division, reported the transfer of Walter S. Parker, principal of the Bennett School, to the same position in the Everett School, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alfred Hewins, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Election of instructor of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of Herbert W. Adams, as assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, to date from Nov. 1, 1886.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Certificate of service to Moses Berger.

Ordered, That a certificate of service, special grade, principal of Evening School for instruction in English to German pupils, be granted to Moses Berger, the certificate to be dated Nov. 1, 1886.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Eleanor L. Morrison.

Horace Mann School. — Eleanor L. Morrison, assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Kate F. Hobart, substitute.

Harriet J. Folsom.

Lewis District. — Harriet J. Folsom, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Ellen F. A. Hagerty, substitute.

Annie W. Seaverns.

Annie W. Seaverns, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Fannie E. Merriam, substitute.

Mary J. Capen.

Lowell District. — Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Clara I. Stevens, substitute.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Amendment of Regula-

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 341 of the Regula-

tions, relating to the attendance of pupils at the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

tions Evening High School. [See page 148.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 341. Strike out the word "seven," in the thirteenth line, and insert in place thereof the word "three."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order proposing amendments to the Regulations relating to the duties of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; duties of Truant-Officers. [See pp. 117, 118.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 368. Strike out all after the words "such officers," in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "to file with the chief truant-officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of ascertained sessions of truancy during the four weeks immediately preceding the filing of the statment; said statement to be approved in writing by the chairman of the committee of the division in which the school is located, or, in his absence, by some member of said Division Committee, or by the President of the School Board. After filing such statement the officer shall procure a warrant and arrest such child, who shall be brought before a magistrate having jurisdiction in the case."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Manual Training School; amendments to Rules and Regulations proposed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, offered the following: —

SECT. 2. Substitute the words "Manual Training Schools" for the words "Manual Training School."

SECT. 56. Strike out in the second line the words "school of this name," and insert in place thereof the words "schools for manual instruction." Strike out all after the word "March," in the third line, to and including the word "school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "or when vacancies occur suitable teachers for these schools."

SECT. 361. Strike out the words "this school is," in the first line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools are." Strike out the words "the school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools."

SECT. 362. Amend so as to read: "There shall be such instructors for these schools as the Board may appoint, whose salaries shall be fixed," etc.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Establishment of a Cooking School at South Boston. [See page 124.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That a school of cookery, to be known as the "Boston School Kitchen No. 2," be established in the Drake School-house, at South Boston.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Certificate of service, special grade, to Emeline E. Torrey.

Ordered, That a certificate of service, special grade, instructor in the Schools of Cookery, be granted to Emeline E. Torrey.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of instructors.

Ordered. That the Committee on Salaries be re-

quested to report a salary for the position of instructor in the Schools of Cookery.

Schools of Cookery.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, who were requested to report a salary for the position of instructor in the Schools of Cookery, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of instructors in Schools of Cookery.

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors in the Schools of Cookery be, for the first year of service, $456; with an annual increase of $48; until the maximum salary of $744 is reached.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, reported the nomination of Emeline E. Torrey, instructor in the Boston School Kitchen No. 2, on the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 15, 1886.

Election of instructor, Schools of Cookery.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair presented a petition signed by H. M. George, and one hundred and three others, teachers in the public schools, praying that the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors be filled by the appointment of a woman.

Petition of H. M. George and others; appointment of a woman as Supervisor.

Referred to Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — an order relative to a new site and building for the Roxbury High School, submitted the following report: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; new site and building for Roxbury High School. [See pp. 77, 112, 113, 175.]

At a meeting of the Board, held April 13, 1886, an order was passed requesting this committee to examine the present building, and report what changes were necessary to adapt it to the proper accommodation of an increased number of pupils. After carefully inspecting the building and its surroundings, the committee were of the opinion that a new building was needed, but that something ought to be done to provide additional temporary accommodations, and in

June last your committee reported, suggesting that the old Dillaway School-house be connected with the High School-house by a bridge. No definite action was taken by the City Council to provide temporary accommodations. Upon the opening of the school, in September, the entering class was larger than was anticipated, and it became necessary to use every available foot of room for the accommodation of the pupils. So great was the demand that the room specially fitted as a physical laboratory had to be used as a class-room. While your committee have no doubt that when the building was remodelled and enlarged in 1874, it was considered a splendid one, and sufficiently large to accommodate the pupils for years to come, they are convinced that the building is undoubtedly wholly inadequate for the present needs and demands of that section of the city. The building is overcrowded, to the great inconvenience of pupils and teachers, and to the detriment of the work of the school. The yard-room and sanitary accommodations are such as we should not for a moment think of furnishing for any school at the present time. Your committee are convinced that a new building is necessary. They also believe that the present location is not the best that can be selected. They recommend that a site be selected about one-half of a mile in a southerly direction from the present building. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new building for the Roxbury High School, in a suitable location about one-half of a mile in a southerly direction from the present Roxbury High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; additional appropriation for Horace Mann School-house. [See page 175.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — a communication from the City Architect stating that an additional appropriation of $15,000 will be necessary for the erection of the Horace Mann School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate an additional sum of $15,000 for the erection of the new Horace Mann School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — October 26 — an order relative to the salary of Ella F. Howland, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ella F. Howland. [See page 172.]

Ordered, That Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from October 1, 1886 ; her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary, under Section 88 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom were referred — June 22 — the recommendations in the report of the Superintendent on instruction in music in the schools (School Doc. No. 9, 1886), reported that they have established rules for the guidance of the instructors in music in the schools, in accordance with the suggestions of the Superintendent's report, and for the better enforcement of such rules and suggestions, and a more systematic instruction in music in the schools, have provided for stated meetings of the music instructors to be held ; which meetings are presided over by the Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; recommendations of Superintendent on instruction in music. [See page 131.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 23, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Eliot, Elliott, Fallon, Flint, Gallagher, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

IN COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Nov. 5, 1886.

Communication from the Committee on Schools and School-houses City Council; lot of land in Fifth Division.

Voted, That the School Board be requested to inform this committee whether or not the land in the rear of Columbus avenue, between West Newton and Rutland streets, is needed for school purposes.

Attest: JAMES L. HILLARD,
Clerk of Committees.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Schools and School-houses of the City Council be informed that the School Board has no immediate use for the lot of land specified in their communication.

Mr. Lasker moved that the communication be referred to the Joint Committee on Fourth and Fifth Divisions.

Mr. Lasker's motion was lost, by a vote of 7 to 9.

The order offered by Mr. Chapin passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Amendment of Regulations,

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Evening High School. [See pp. 148, 183.]

SECTION 341. Strike out the word "seven," in the thirteenth line, and insert in place thereof the word "three."

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Duties of Truant Officers. Regulations amended. [See pp. 117, 118, 183.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECT. 368. Strike out all after the words "such officer," in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "to file with the chief truant-officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of ascertained sessions of truancy during the four weeks immediately preceding the filing of the statement; said statement to be approved in writing by the chairman of the committee of the division in which the school is located, or, in his absence, by some member of said Division Committee, or by the President of the School Board. After filing such statement the officer shall procure a warrant and arrest such child, who shall be brought before a magistrate having jurisdiction in the case."

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order was specially assigned for consideration at a quarter before eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Caroline M. Bayley, third assistant, Nov. 15, 1886.

Dudley District. — Emeline E. Torrey, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Dwight District. — Henry L. Sawyer, sub-master, Dec. 1, 1886.

Franklin District. — Abby H. Babson, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1886.

Martin District. — Nellie W. Leavitt, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1886.

Rice District. — Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Allston District. — Elizabeth C. Muldoon, from Nov. 8, 1886.

Mather District. — Lizzie C. Estey, from Nov. 11, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Brimmer District. — George S. Houghton, sub-master, from Nov. 16, 1886.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, Alice M. Barton, third assistants, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Rice District. — Kate A. Howe, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Wells District. — Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6, 1886; Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Nathaniel S. French, assistant, from Nov. 15, 1886.

Brimmer District. — Gustavus F. Guild, sub-master, from Nov. 29, 1886.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Dudley District. — Amanda E. Henderson, third assistant, from Nov. 29, 1886.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Martin District. — Nellie W. Leavitt, second assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant.

Dearborn District. — Esther M. Meserve, third assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Jennie M. Jackson, third assistant.

Quincy District. — Kate A. Kiggen, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Warrenton-street School. — Assistants, J. Thomas Vose, Samuel Weltch, from Oct. 13, 1886; Annie Nicholls, from Oct. 20, 1886.

Accepted.

Election of principal of Sherwin Evening School.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening

Schools, reported the nomination of Moses Berger, principal of the Sherwin Evening School, to date from Nov. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Sherwin Evening School. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Murphy, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Moses Berger had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Moses Berger elected.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the following unanimous nomination for the position of principal of the Bennett District: Henry L. Sawyer, master, to date from Dec. 1, 1886. Report, Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; nomination of principal of Bennett District.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Bennett District. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Murphy, and Hall a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one blank. Henry L. Sawyer had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Bennett District, with the rank of master, to date from Dec. 1, 1886. Henry L. Sawyer elected.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of Ralph W. Allen, assistant in the evening drawing schools, to date from Nov. 12, 1886. Election of instructor of evening drawing schools.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Agnes J. Cushman.

Ordered, That Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant in the Dwight School, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 11, 1886.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Resolutions on resignation of Mr. Alfred Hewins.

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mr. Alfred Hewins, master of the Everett School, the Board desires to express its regret at the withdrawal of one of our most faithful and conscientious instructors.

Resolved, That by his devotion and ability as a teacher for thirty-four years in the schools of this city (twenty-five years as master of the Boylston, Bowditch, and Everett schools), and by his sterling qualities as a man, he has won the love and esteem of his pupils and the gratitude of this Board and the people.

Resolved, That as he severs his long and harmonious official relations with the schools, the Board extends to him its wishes for his health and continued prosperity in the new duties he has been called upon to assume.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records of the Board, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Hewins.

Passed unanimously.

Report Committee on Examinations; petition of John Kelly relative to school-hours. [See page 100.]

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, to to whom was referred — May 25 — a petition signed by John Kelly, relative to school-hours, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

North Harvard-street School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to

cause the North Harvard-street School-house, in the Allston District, to be repaired and fitted for the use of Grammar and Primary School pupils.

house; repairs, etc. [See pp. 46, 57.]

Passed, under suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Davis presented a petition, signed by Alice B. Weld and seven others, requesting the use of a room in the Child-street School-house may be granted to them, and to such others as they shall associate with them, in order that they may maintain a cooking-school there without expense to the city, and that the pupils of the public schools may be permitted to attend said cooking-school.

Petition for use of room in Child-street School-house for a cooking-school.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Eighth Division and Manual Training School, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 21, 1886.

Salary of Abby W. Sullivan.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1887, be granted to Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Margaret T. Dooley be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Penelope G. Hayes.

Margaret T. Dooley, substitute.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide two storm-door porches for the Martin School building.

Storm-doors for Martin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

School-room in hall of Dudley School-house.

Ordered, That the City Architect be requested to examine the hall of the Dudley School building to ascertain whether space can be taken off the hall for a room to be used for accommodating pupils.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with powers.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments to Rules and Regulations, Manual Training School. [See page 184.]

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 9 — an order proposing amendments to the Rules and Regulations relating to Manual Training School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Sect. 2. Substitute the words "Manual Training Schools" for the words "Manual Training School."

Sect. 56. Strike out in the second line the words "school of this name," and insert in place thereof the words "schools for manual instruction." Strike out all after the word "March," in the third line, to and including the word "school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "or when vacancies occur suitable teachers for these schools."

Sect. 361. Strike out the words "this school is," in the first line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools are." Strike out the words "the school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools."

Sect. 362. Amend so as to read: "There shall be such instructors for these schools as the Board may appoint, whose salaries shall be fixed, etc.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; beginning of schools in September. [See page 140.]

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 14 — an order proposing an amendment to the Regulations, providing that the public schools open the second Monday in September instead of the first

Monday, as now provided for, submitted the following report: —

The tendency of legislation has been to extend the summer vacation. In 1827 the schools were closed for the remainder of the week after the annual exhibitions in August. In 1829 the summer vacation was extended to about two and one-half weeks. In 1838 this vacation was extended to three and one-half weeks. In 1847 the vacation was extended to five and one-half weeks. In 1871 the summer vacation was from the second Tuesday in July to the first Monday in September, the high schools opening the second Monday in September. In 1876 all the schools closed during the week immediately preceding the fourth of July, and opened the first Monday in September. Since 1876 there has been no change in the summer vacation. This year the schools were closed nine weeks. Your committee are inclined to the opinion that this is a sufficiently long time — taking into consideration the vacations and holidays throughout the year — to give the needed rest to pupils and teachers. It is the belief of your committee that it would not be practicable to continue the schools later than the fourth of July, and extend the vacation to the second Monday in September. It is particularly noticeable that a large number of pupils withdraw from school as early as the first of June. While the committee recognize that it would be convenient to many families to extend the vacation to the second Monday in September, they feel that the interests of probably three-fourths of the pupils and parents are better served under the present Regulations, and they therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the Regulations as proposed in the order referred.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; hours of sessions of schools during winter months. [See page 173.]

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — an order requesting them to report an amendment to the Regulations providing for the afternoon sessions of the schools during the winter months, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Section 177. Insert after the words "Primary Schools," in the sixth line, the following words: "except that from the first Monday in November to and including the last Friday in January, the afternoon ses-

sion shall begin at a quarter before two o'clock and close at a quarter before four o'clock."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Annual report of Committee on Manual Training School.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training School, submitted the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

No session of evening schools on Friday, Nov. 26.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, on Friday evening, Nov. 26, 1886.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Patrick McDermott.

Ordered, That the salary due Patrick McDermott, deceased, late janitor of the Auburn and Everett schools, Brighton, be paid to his widow, Bridget McDermott.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., Nov. 23, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being eight months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886-87.	December Draft.	Expenditures, 8 months, 1886-87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$107,356 53	$792,330 22	$407,669 78
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	4,403 33	37,737 83	21,262 17
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	225,000 00	7,597 07	58,582 83	70,112 51
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		632 38	43,065 69	
School Ex. Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses		2,034 80	53,238 97	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$122,024 11	$984,955 54	$499,044 46

The expenses, as compared with eight months of last year, are as follows: —

Salaries of Officers, decreased		$1,518 83
Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses, decreased . .		18,597 58
		$20,116 41
Salaries of Instructors, increased . . .	$14,867 49	
Salaries of Janitors, increased . . .	2,212 85	
		17,080 34
A decrease of		$3,036 07

as compared with the corresponding time last year.

For the Committee,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of the Committee on School-houses; new primary school-house, Adams District. [See page 161.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order that the City Council be requested to erect a new primary school-house in the Adams District, reported that the present primary school-house is situated on the edge of the district, making it necessary for children to walk long distances. The building is poorly ventilated; poorly lighted; has insufficient yard-room; has objectionable sanitary accommodations; is not properly protected in case of fire, having but one small stair-way, and does not accommodate the pupils in the district. The building has been pronounced unfit for school purposes by the Fire Commissioners, the Inspector of Buildings, aud the Instructor in Hygiene. Your committee are convinced that a new primary school-house centrally located is needed, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new primary school-house in the Adams District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Enlargement of primary school-house, Washington, near Green street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the primary school-house on Washington, near Green street, Jamaica Plain, so as to provide accommodations for two additional classes; also to enlarge the yard of the building, by purchasing adjoining land.

Report of Committee on School-houses; petition of Goodwillie Fire-escape and Alarm Association. [See page 139.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — September 14 — the request of the Goodwillie Fire-escape and Alarm Association to place one of their fire-escapes on the Winthrop School-house, reported that they have considered the same and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to grant permission to the Goodwillie Fire-escape and Alarm Association to place one of their fire-escapes on the Winthrop or some other school-house, providing the same is done without expense to the city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Darling moved that the next meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday evening, December 15, at half-past seven o'clock.

The Chair stated that a suspension of the rules would be required.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 14, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Eliot, Elliott, Flint, Griffin, Hall, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Manual Training School; Rules and Regulations amended. [See pp. 184, 196.]

Section 2. Substitute the words "Manual Training Schools" for the words "Manual Training School."

Sect. 56. Strike out in the second line the words "school of this name," and insert in place thereof the words "schools for manual instruction." Strike out all after the word "March," in the third line, to and including the word "school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "or when vacancies occur suitable teachers for these schools."

Sect. 361. Strike out the words "this school is," in the first line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools are." Strike out the words "the school," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "these schools."

Sect. 362. Amend so as to read: "There shall be such instructors for these schools as the Board may appoint, whose salaries shall be fixed," etc.

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Hours of sessions of schools; Regulations amended. [See pp. 173, 197.]

Section 177. Insert after the words "Primary Schools," in the sixth line, the following words: "except that from the first Monday in November to and including the last Friday in January, the after-

noon session shall begin at a quarter before two o'clock, and close at a quarter before four o'clock."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Adams District. — Alice M. Porter, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Everett District. — Emma Halstrick, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Ann E. Weston, second assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Lyman District. — Florence Carver, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1886.

Mather District. — Mary L. Hunt, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Elizabeth J. Stetson, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Franklin Evening School. — Henry L. Sawyer, principal, Dec. 10, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, from Dec. 15, 1886.

Norcross District. — Catherine E. McDonald, from Nov. 9, 1886.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Everett District. — Marguerite J. Flynn, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, third assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, fourth assisttant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from Dec. 6, 1886.

Shurtleff District. — Lottie B. Lucas, fourth assistant, from Sept. 6 to 29, 1886, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School. — Francis De M. Dunn, junior-master, from Dec. 8, 1886.

Adams District. — Nellie M. Porter, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Andrew District. — Grace L. Tucker, fourth assistant, from Oct. 20, 1886.

Bigelow District. — Cara W. Hanscom, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1886.

Dor.-Everett District. — M. Louise Foster, third assistant, from Nov. 16, 1886.

Dwight District. — Henry C. Parker, sub-master, from Dec. 9, 1886.

George Putnam District. — Annie G. D. Ellis, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth W. Allen, third assistant, third year, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Shurtleff District — Lottie B. Lucas, fourth assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS OF TEACHERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Andrew District. — Emma M. Cleary and May J. Cunningham, fourth assistants, to the positions of third assistants in the same district, the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1886, and Oct. 20, 1886, respectively.

Mount Vernon District. — Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — George W. Evans, assistant, from Nov. 16, 1886.

Lyman School. — Martha S. Harding, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Quincy School. — Rose V. Collier, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

Election of Principal of Franklin Evening School.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the nomination of William H. Martin, principal of the Franklin Evening School, to date from Dec. 13, 1886.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Franklin Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Chapin and Murphy a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. William H. Martin had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

William H. Martin, elected.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported that the average whole number of pupils belonging to the Minot School for the preceding quarter entitles the principal to the rank of master. Under the provisions of Section 226, Paragraph 4, of the Regulations, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Rank of Principal of Minot School.

Ordered, That the rank of Joseph T. Ward, Jr., principal of the Minot School, be that of master; and that on account of previous acceptable service as master, he be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That the public schools be closed on Friday, December 24.

Holiday Dec. 24.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Upon the recommendations of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Andrew District. — Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Caroline M. Walsh, substitute.

Estelle B. Jenkins.

Gaston District. — Mary H. Dwyer, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Margaret Cunningham, substitute.

Mary H. Dwyer.

Annie Britt, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; S. Josephine Lavery, substitute.

Annie Britt.

Hillside District. — Alice B. Stephenson, third as-

Alice B. Stephenson.

sistant, until April 1, 1887; M. Alice Robinson, substitute.

Abby P. Richardson.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant, until Jan. 15, 1887; Kate T. Brooks, substitute.

Election of Sewing teacher.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the nomination of Mary J. McEntyre as a teacher of sewing in the Norcross School.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Textbooks, it was

Supplementary reading, Boys' Latin School.

Ordered, That Moss's First Greek Reader and Tomlinson's Latin for Sight Readers be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Boys' Latin School, and that forty-five copies of each book be furnished.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Use of rooms in Latin School-building granted to Roxbury High School Association.

Ordered, That the use of the drill-hall, and other necessary rooms of the Latin School building, be granted to the Roxbury High School Association on the evening of Jan. 29, 1887, for the purpose of their annual reunion.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following orders: —

Urinals in High School building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to substitute bowl urinals for those now in use in the English High and Latin School building, and to improve the ventilation of the water-closets in the building.

Sanitary condition of Roxbury High School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the sanitary condition of the Roxbury High School-house.

Ventilation of Girls' High School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Girls' High School-house to be improved.

The orders were severally referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, for the present year, the vacation in the Evening Schools shall be for the two weeks immediately preceding Jan. 3, 1887.

Vacation in Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening Drawing School in the Latin School-building on the evenings of Dec. 27, 29, 31, 1886; and that the sessions of that school shall close on the Friday next preceding the fourth Monday in March, 1887.

Vacation in Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grade the yard of the Quincy-street Primary School-house, in the Mather District.

Grading of yard of Quincy-st. School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Subsequently the above action was reconsidered, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the special assignment being the order to amend Section 368 of the Regulations (see page 190), was taken up.

Special assignment.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the order so that it shall read as follows: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Duties of Truant-Officers. Regulations amended. [See pp. 117, 118, 183, 190.]

SECTION 368. Strike out all after the words "such

officer," in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "to file with the chief truant-officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of instances of supposed truancy during the three months immediately preceding the filing of the statement; which statement shall have the consent of the chairman of the committee of the division in which the school is located, or, in his absence, of some member of said Division Committee, or of the President of the School Board. Thereupon the chief truant-officer, if in his judgment the case is a proper one for prosecution, shall authorize the application for a warrant for the arrest of such child to a court having jurisdiction."

Mr. Hyde moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Truant-Officers with instructions to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, offered the following: —

Repairs of drains of school-houses.

Ordered, That when repairs are made in drains in the old school-houses the City Council be requested to cause the clay pipes to be replaced with iron pipes, in accordance with the ordinance.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Reports of principals on sanitary condition of school-houses. Amendment to Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by striking out Section 170, and numbering the succeeding section to conform to this change.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the old-fashioned vaults of school-houses, and replace them with water-vaults, as rapidly as possible.

Old-fashioned vaults in school-houses to be replaced with water-vaults.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order concerning the position of desks and seats in school-rooms so that the light may fall upon the desks from the left and from behind, reported that the Board has often stated its opinion of the importance of arranging the desks in the school-rooms as stated above; and the attention of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and of the City Architect has been repeatedly called to the matter. Your committee are of the opinion that no special legislation is necessary.

Report of Committee on School-houses; position of desks in school-rooms. [See page 116.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report and the original order were recommitted to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom were referred with full powers — Nov. 23 — orders relating to storm-door porches for the Martin School-house, and to the partitioning of the hall of the Dudley School-house, so as to provide an additional class-room, reported that the orders had been approved by this committee and transmitted to the proper authorities.

Report of Committee on School-houses; storm-doors for Martin School-house; School-room in hall of Dudley School-house. [See pp. 195, 196.]

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant in the Dwight District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; Salary of Agnes J. Cushman. [See page 194.]

Ordered, That on account of previous successful

service as a teacher, Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 11, 1886.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; Salary of Abby W. Sullivan. [See page 195.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant in Dearborn District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 21, 1886.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Use of rooms in Somerset-street School-house for educational purposes.

Ordered, That the use of unoccupied rooms in the Somerset-street Primary School-house be granted to Miss Mary S. Carter and those associated with her, for educational purposes, chiefly industrial, in the interest of the boys and girls of that section; the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

New Primary School-house in Martin District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary school-house in the Martin District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Hall of Lowell School-house to be partitioned, to provide additional class-rooms.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to partition the hall of the Lowell School-house so as to provide two additional class-rooms.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide curtains for the windows on the south side of the Way-street School-house, and for all the windows of the East-street School-house.

Curtains for windows in Way-street and East-street School-houses.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the ventilation of the Way-street School-house.

Ventilation of Way-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Brimmer School-house; and to provide increased and improved sanitary accommodations for the pupils.

Repairs in Brimmer School-house; sanitary accommodations.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the street in front of the Brimmer School-house to be macadamized or paved with asphalt.

Street in front of Brimmer School-house to be macadamized.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the vacant room in the Rutland-street Primary School-house be granted to Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw for the purposes of a kindergarten; the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of room in Rutland-street School-house for a kindergarten.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 28, 1886.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Dunn, Eliot, Elliott, Flint, Hall, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the records of the last meeting were amended by substituting the date "Dec. 1, 1886," for the date "Nov. 1, 1886," as the date of the resignation of Florence Carver. (Page 202.)

Records amended. [See page 202.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them in print, as amended.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Jennie P. Hews, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1887; Florence E. Leadbetter, fourth assistant, Jan. 3, 1887.

Dor.-Everett District. — Fannie M. Cartwright, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, third assistant, Jan. 3, 1887.

Prescott District. — Delia A. Varney, first assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Prince District. — Laura M. Stevens, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Marcia B. Day, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Prince District. — Lilian A. Wellington, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1886.

Dillaway District. — Mabel C. Friend, third assistant, from Dec. 20, 1886.

Gaston District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Lewis District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, third assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Rice District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Sherwin District. — Nellie F. Brazer, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower and Alice M. Barton, third assistants, from Jan. 3, 1887; Edith H. Sumner, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Dwight District. — Mary E. O'Brien, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, second assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, second assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Mather District. — Kate A. Howe, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Prince District. — Josephine G. Dearborn, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Mary E. W. Hagerty, third assistant.

Dor.-Everett District. — Elizabeth R. Wallis, second assistant, Primary Department.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of a teacher.

George Putnam District. — Belle P. Winslow, first assistant, to the same position in the Prescott District, the transfer to date from Jan. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Anderson-street School. — Mary E. Smith, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Lincoln School. — May M. Ham, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1886; Grace J. Freeman, assistant, from Nov. 22, 1886.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Anna L. Hooker.

Bennett District. — Anna L. Hooker, fourth assistant, until March 1, 1887; S. May Taylor, substitute.

Belle J. Dunham.

Dearborn District. — Belle J. Dunham, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1887; Blanche L. Ormsby, substitute.

Sybel G. Brown.

Sherwin District. — Sybel G. Brown, third assistant, until April 1, 1887; Gertrude Halliday, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Use of rooms in English High School building granted to English High School Association.

Ordered, That the use of the drill-hall and other necessary rooms in the English High School building be granted to the English High School Association on the evening of the 4th day of February, 1887, for the purpose of the annual reunion of the Association.

Annual report of Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Crowley presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors, which was ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Abatement of tuition of non-resident pupil.

Ordered, That there be abated from the amount paid by Mr. Charles P. Mays, for tuition of Ella R. Simms, a non-resident pupil in the Bowdoin School, the sum of eight and $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars ($8.46); said pupil having left the school Nov. 5, 1886.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of non-resident pupil.

Ordered, That there be abated from the amount paid by Mr. Robert W. Pratt, for tuition of Robert W. Pratt, Jr., a non-resident pupil in the Agassiz School, the sum of eight $\frac{17}{100}$ dollars ($8.17); said pupil having become a resident of Boston, Nov. 8, 1886.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Dec. 28, 1886.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being nine months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886-87.	January Draft.	Expenditures, 9 months, 1886-87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$106,082 13	$898,412 35	$301,587 65
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	4,403 34	42,141 17	16,858 83
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	225,000 00	7,947 80	66,530 63	59,796 02
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		814 94	43,880 63	
School Ex. Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses		1,553 75	54,792 72	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$120,801 96	$1,105,757 50	$378,242 50

The expenses for the past nine months, as compared with the corresponding time of last year, show a reduction of $3,335.81.

If the expenses for the remaining three months do not exceed those of last year for the same time by more than $3,009.32, the School Committee can keep within their appropriation without reducing salaries.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reports of principals on sanitary condition of school-houses. Regulations amended. [See page 208.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — December 14 — an order relative to amending the Regulations by striking out Section 170, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by striking out Section 170, and numbering the succeeding section to conform to this change.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time, and passed.

Duties of truant-officers; Regulations amended. [See pp. 117, 118, 183, 190, 207, 208.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order concerning the amendment of Section 368 of the Regulations (see p. 190) was taken from the table.

The Chair stated that the question was on Mr. Crowley's motion to amend the order submitted by the Committee on Rules and Regulations (see page 190), so that it shall read as printed on pages 207 and 208.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the amendment proposed by him was amended, so that the order shall read as follows: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 368. Strike out all after the words "such officer," in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "to file with the chief truant-officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of instances of supposed truancy during the three months immediately preceding the filing of the statement; thereupon the chief truant-officer, if in his judgment the case is a proper one for prosecution — and if he has the written consent of the chairman of the committee of the division in which the school is located, or, in his absence, of some member of said Division Committee, or of the President of the School Board — shall authorize the application for a warrant for the arrest of such child to a court having jurisdiction."

Mr. Crowley's motion to amend the order submitted by the committee, so as to read as printed above, passed.

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the resignation of Eleanor Le F. Morrison, assistant in that school, to take effect Jan. 1, 1887.

Resignation of Eleanor Le F. Morrison.

Accepted.

Mr. Davis, for the same committee, reported the nomination on probation of Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant in the Horace Mann School, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Election of teacher Horace Mann School.

Accepted.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Harriet J. Folsom, late third assistant in the Lewis District.

Death of Harriet J. Folsom.

Placed on file.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Dudley School-house to be improved.

Ventilation of Dudley School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to include in their estimates for the next financial school year the sum of $8,000 for Manual Training.

Appropriation for Manual Training.

The Chair presented a petition signed by John Wright and five others, praying that such features of industrial education as have been found practicable and useful in schools of the city proper may be introduced into the public schools of South Boston.

Petition for introduction of industrial education into South Boston schools.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order concerning the sanitary condition of the Roxbury High School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; sanitary condition of Roxbury High School-house.
[See page 206.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the sanitary condition of the Roxbury High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; repairs of drains of school-houses. [See page 208.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order concerning repairs in drains of school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That when repairs are made in drains in the old school-houses the City Council be requested to cause the clay pipes to be replaced with iron pipes, in accordance with the ordinance.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; vaults in school-houses to be replaced with water-vaults. [See page 209.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order relative to improvements in the vaults in school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the old-fashioned vaults of school-houses, and replace them with water-vaults as rapidly as possible.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; urinals in High-school building. [See page 206.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order soncerning sanitary improvements in the English High and Latin School-buildings. reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to substitute bowl urinals for those now in use in the English High and Latin School-building, and to improve the ventilation of the water-closets in the building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; ventilation of Girls' High School-house. [See page 206.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order relative to the improvement in the ventilation of the Girls' High School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Girls' High School-house to be improved.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; hall of Lowell School-house to be partitioned to provide additional class-room. [See page 210.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order concerning the partitioning of the hall of the Lowell School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to partition the hall of the Lowell School-house, so as to provide two additional class-rooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, President of the School Board.

Ordered, That the thanks of the School Committee be presented to the Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, the President of the Board, for the able, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year, and for the exceptional regularity in his attendance at the meetings of the Board.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President responded in a brief and courteous address.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

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